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BITTEN BY A RADIOACTIVE SPIDER, STUDENT **PETER PARKER** GAINED THE PROPORTIONATE STRENGTH AND AGILITY OF AN ARACHNID! ARMED WITH HIS WONDROUS WEB-SHOOTERS, THE RELUCTANT SUPER HERO STRUGGLES WITH SINISTER SUPER-VILLAINS, MAKING ENDS MEET, AND MAINTAINING SOME SEMBLANCE OF A NORMAL LIFE!

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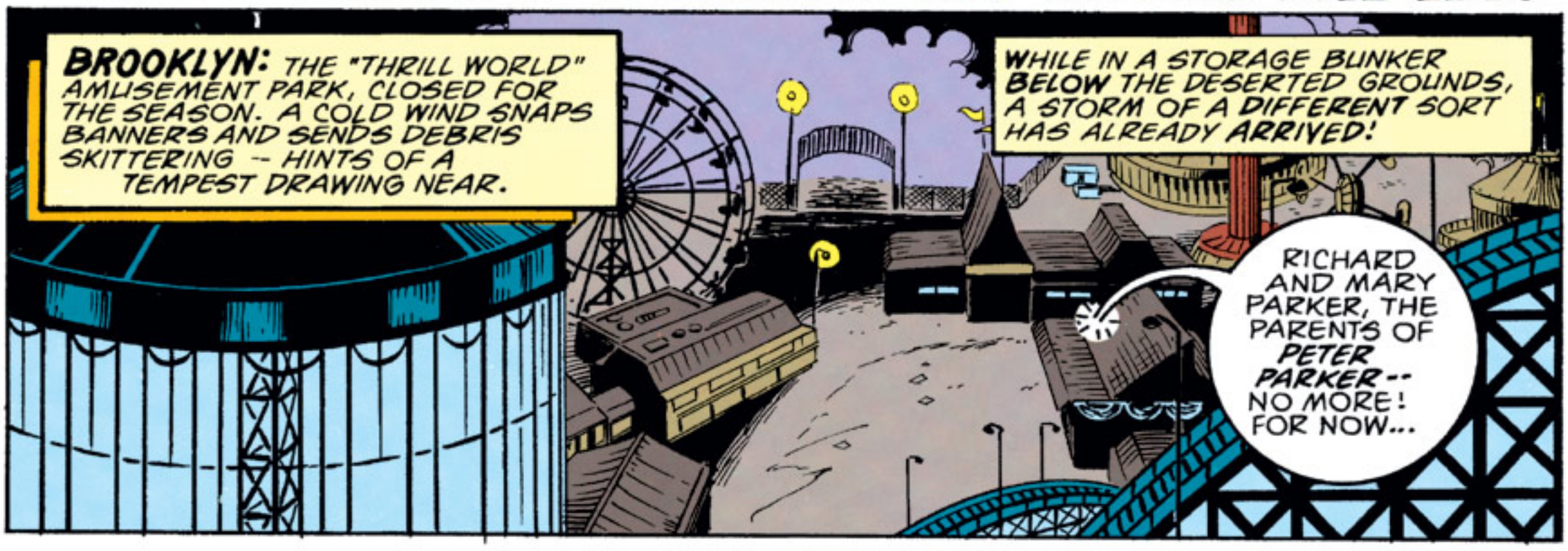

The BRIDE of VENOM

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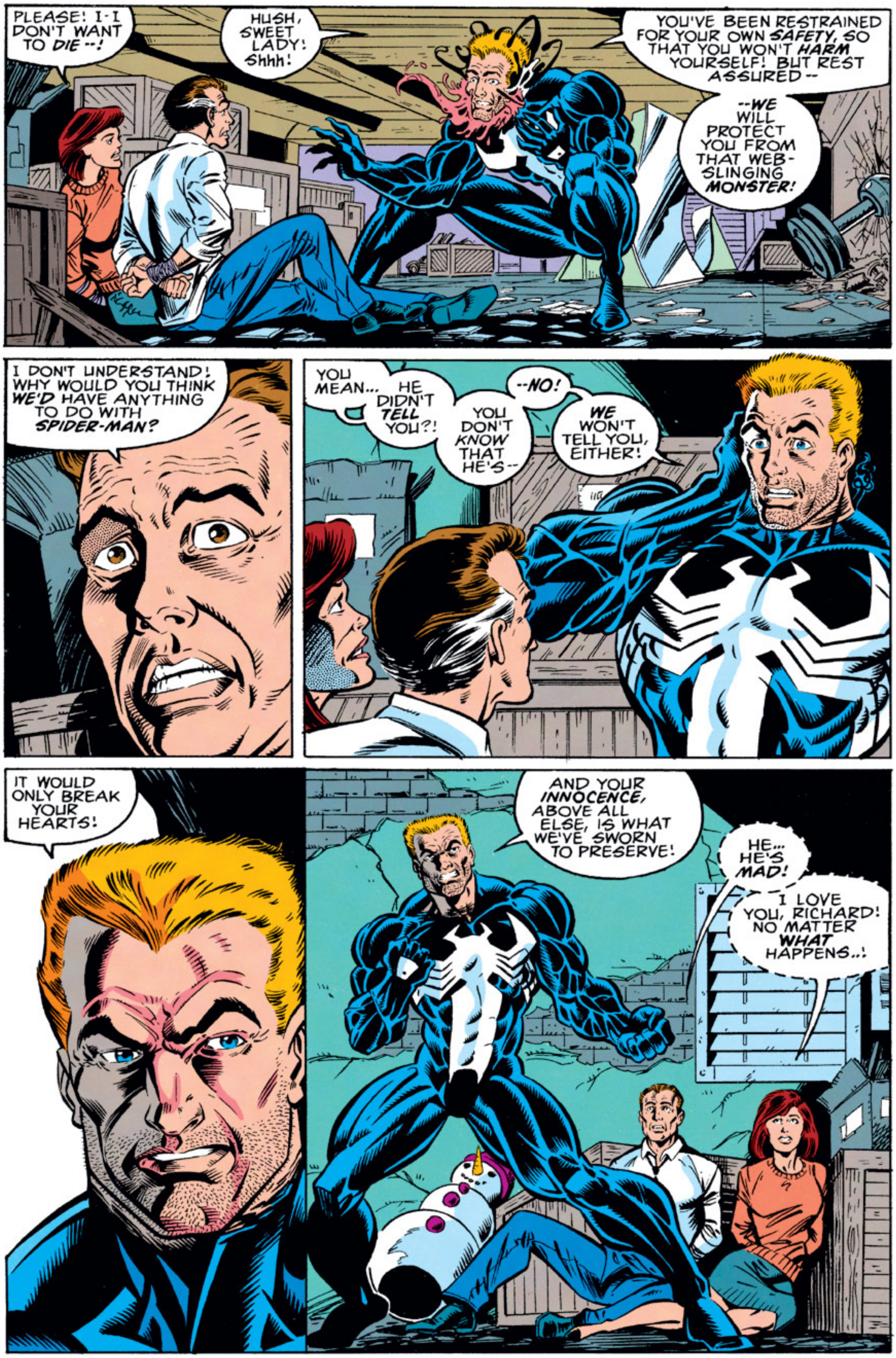
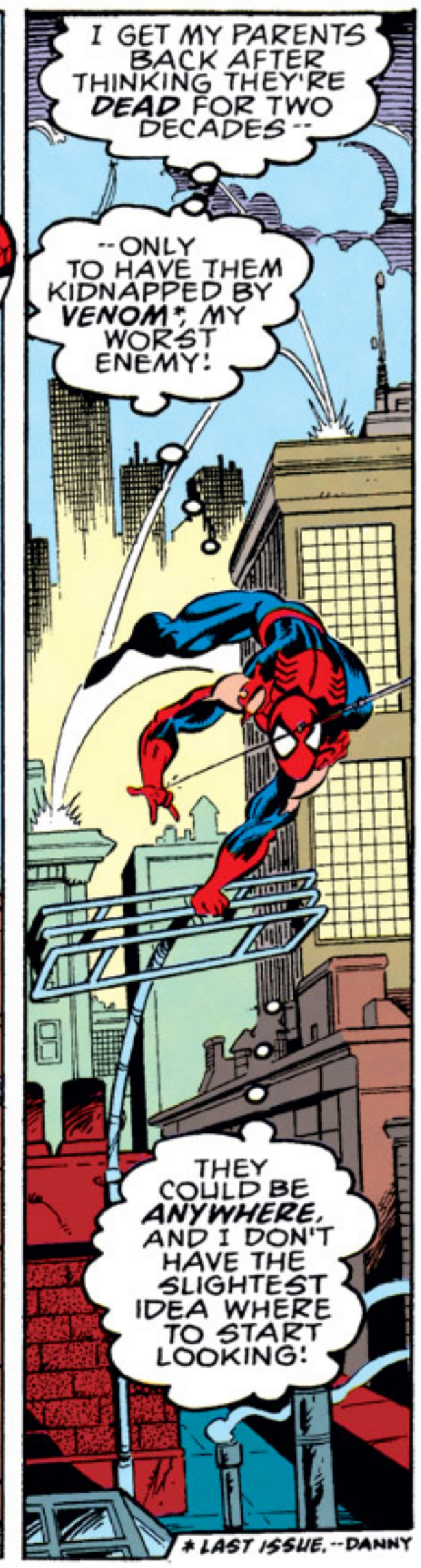
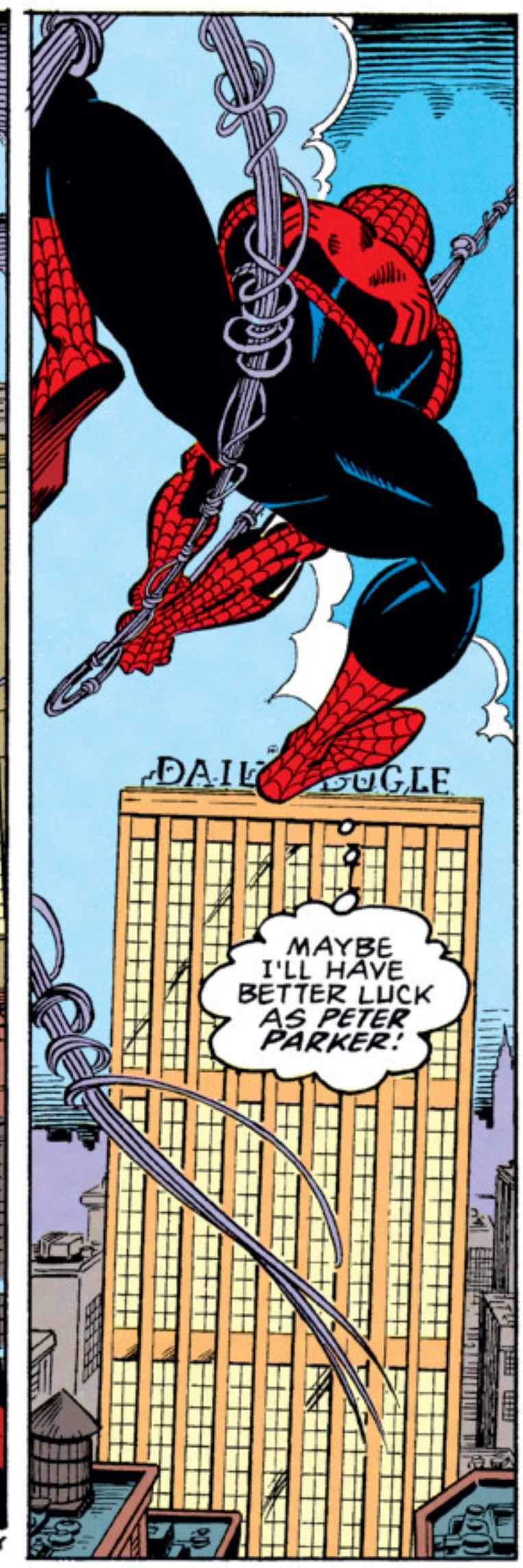
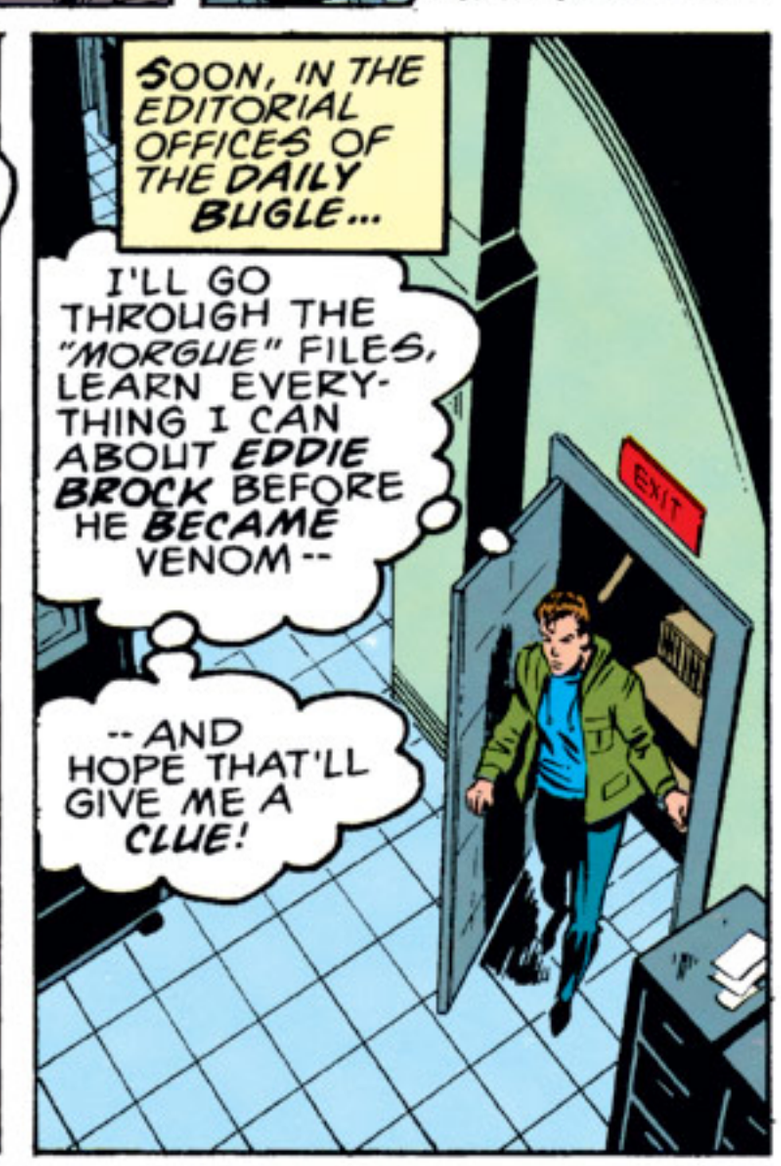

PLEASE! I-I DON'T WANT TO DIE --!
HUSH, SWEET LADY! Shhh!
YOU'VE BEEN RESTRAINED FOR YOUR OWN SAFETY, SO THAT YOU WON'T HARM YOURSELF! BUT REST ASSURED --
--WE WILL PROTECT YOU FROM THAT WEB-SLINGING MONSTER!
I DON'T UNDERSTAND! WHY WOULD YOU THINK WE'D HAVE ANYTHING TO DO WITH SPIDER-MAN?
YOU MEAN... HE DIDN'T TELL YOU?!
YOU DON'T KNOW THAT HE'S --
--NO!
WE WON'T TELL YOU, EITHER!
IT WOULD ONLY BREAK YOUR HEARTS!
AND YOUR INNOCENCE, ABOVE ALL ELSE, IS WHAT WE'VE SWORN TO PRESERVE!
HE... HE'S MAD!
I LOVE YOU, RICHARD! NO MATTER WHAT HAPPENS..!

MANHATTAN.
I HATE THIS!


I GET MY PARENTS BACK AFTER THINKING THEY'RE DEAD FOR TWO DECADES --
--ONLY TO HAVE THEM KIDNAPPED BY VENOM*, MY WORST ENEMY!
THEY COULD BE ANYWHERE, AND I DON'T HAVE THE SLIGHTEST IDEA WHERE TO START LOOKING!
* LAST ISSUE. --DANNY


MAYBE I'LL HAVE BETTER LUCK AS PETER PARKER!

IF NOTHING ELSE, I'LL GET TO WEAR CLOTHES VENOM HASN'T SHREDDED YET!
AT LEAST THEY'RE HERE WHERE I LEFT 'EM, IN MY HANDY WEB PACK.


SOON, IN THE EDITORIAL OFFICES OF THE DAILY BUGLE...
I'LL GO THROUGH THE "MORGUE" FILES, LEARN EVERYTHING I CAN ABOUT EDDIE BROCK BEFORE HE BECAME VENOM --
-- AND HOPE THAT'LL GIVE ME A CLUE!
EXIT

AT LEAST I WON'T HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT JONAH HASSLING ME FOR NEWS PHOTOS -- HIS DOOR'S CLOSED! GUESS HE'S WORKING ON SOMETHING --
J. J.
JAMESO
PUBLISH

"--SENSITIVE!"

DON'T GIVE ME THAT DIPLOMATIC *HOGWASH*, YOU OVERPAID SNOB!

I WON'T TALK TO SOME PRISSY PREP SCHOOL UNDERLING! YOU PUT *SILVER SABLE* HERSELF ON THE LINE --

--RIGHT NOW!

THE SYMKARIAN EMBASSY, LOWER MANHATTAN.

THAT'S ALL RIGHT, UNCLE MORTY. I'LL TAKE IT.

HEAR THIS, JAMESON: I DON'T HAVE TIME TO PROVIDE YOU WITH HOURLY REPORTS! YOU CONTRACTED WITH *SILVER SABLE INTERNATIONAL* TO HIRE THE *WILD PACK*, AND THEY'RE ON THE JOB...

...YOU'LL HEAR FROM *ME* WHEN THEY'RE *FINISHED*! = CLICK =

WHY, THAT *ARROGANT, ICE-BLOODED*--!

EASY, BOY. SABLE'S A PAIN, BUT IF HER OPERATIVES DO WHAT THEY'RE *SUPPOSED* TO, *THE BUGLE* WILL HAVE THE STORY OF THE *YEAR*!

SEVERAL HOURS LATER, AT A 34TH STREET HIGH-RISE...

THAT'S RIGHT, MS. WEYING --

-- THERE'S A YOUNG MAN TO SEE YOU. SAYS HE'S FROM THE DAILY BUGLE.

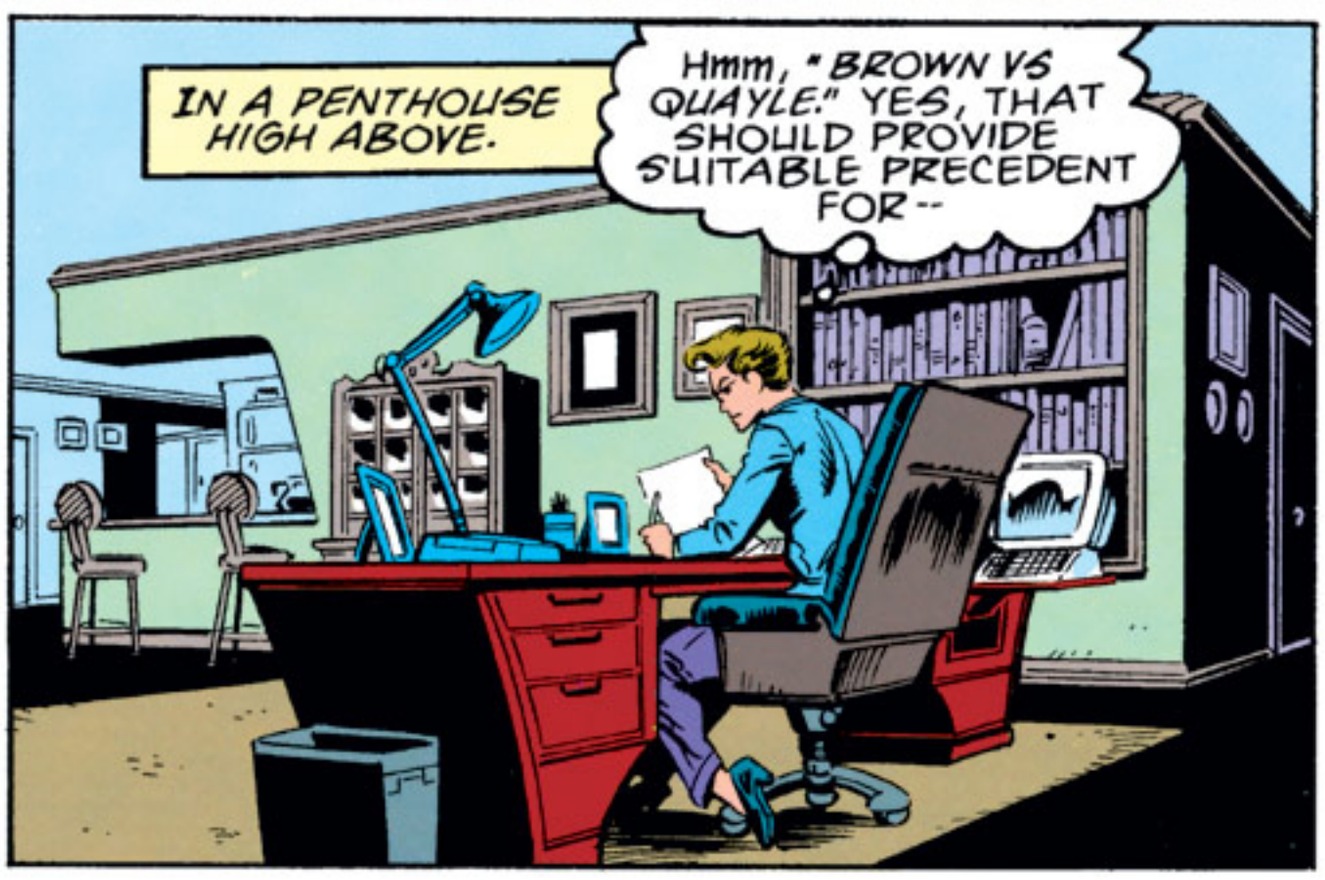
YOU KNOW MY POLICY, CARLTON; NO REPORTERS -- *EVER*!

SORRY, SON. I CAN'T LET YOU GO UP.
I UNDER-STAND. THANKS.

I CAME ACROSS A DATASHEET ON ANNE WEYING IN THE EDDIE BROCK SECTION OF THE BUGLE FILES!
SHE'S PRAC-TICED LAW UNDER THAT NAME FOR YEARS --
-- BUT SHE USED TO BE "ANNE BROCK!"

I CAN SEE WHY SHE AVOIDS THE PRESS -- SHE MUST BE SICK OF REPORTERS WANTING TO INTER-VIEW "VENOM'S EX-WIFE."

BUT WHILE I HATE COMPROMISING HER PRIVACY, I JUST HAVE TO TALK TO HER -- ONE WAY...
...OR ANOTHER!

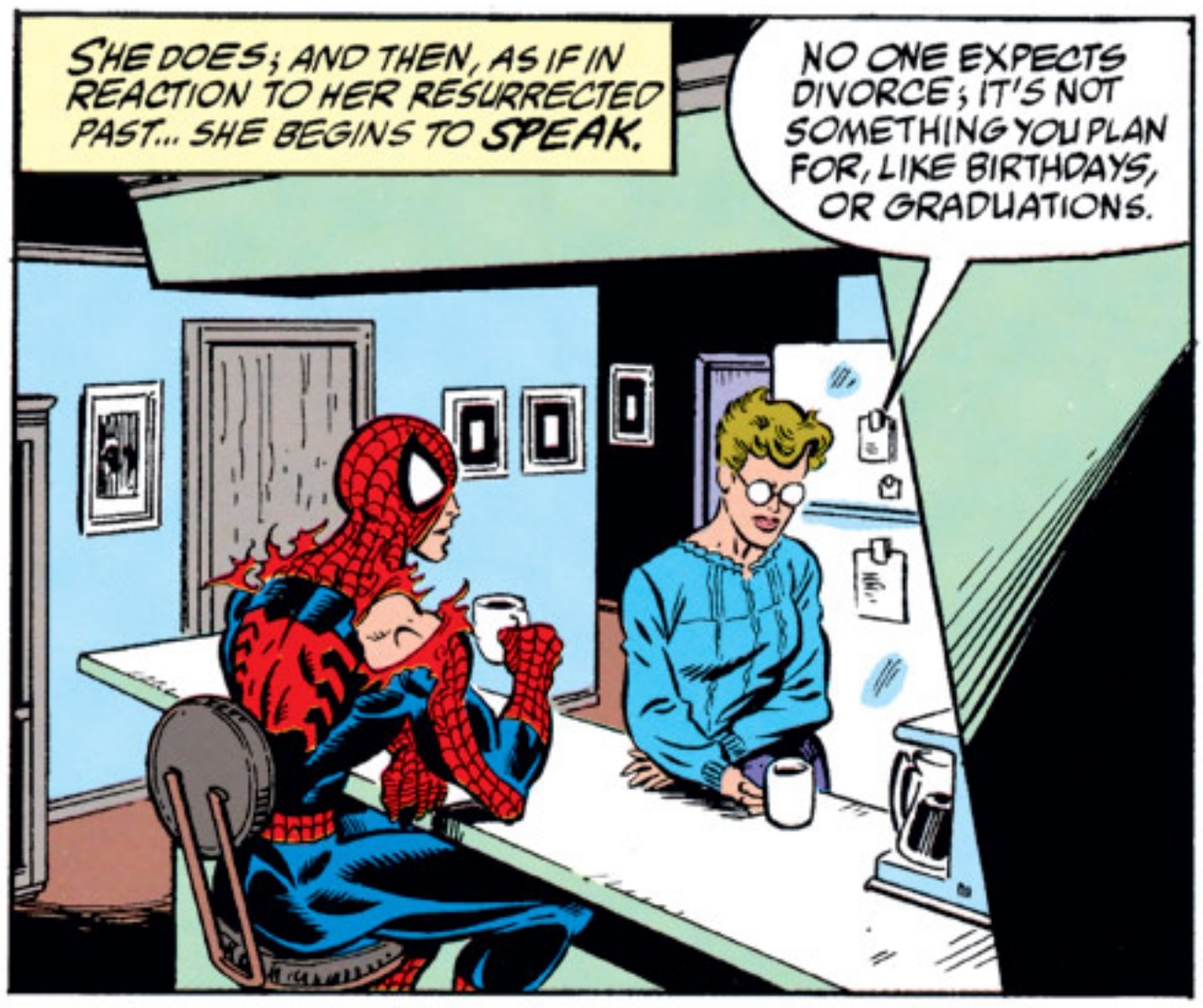

IN A PENTHOUSE HIGH ABOVE.
Hmm, "BROWN VS QUAYLE." YES, THAT SHOULD PROVIDE SUITABLE PRECEDENT FOR --

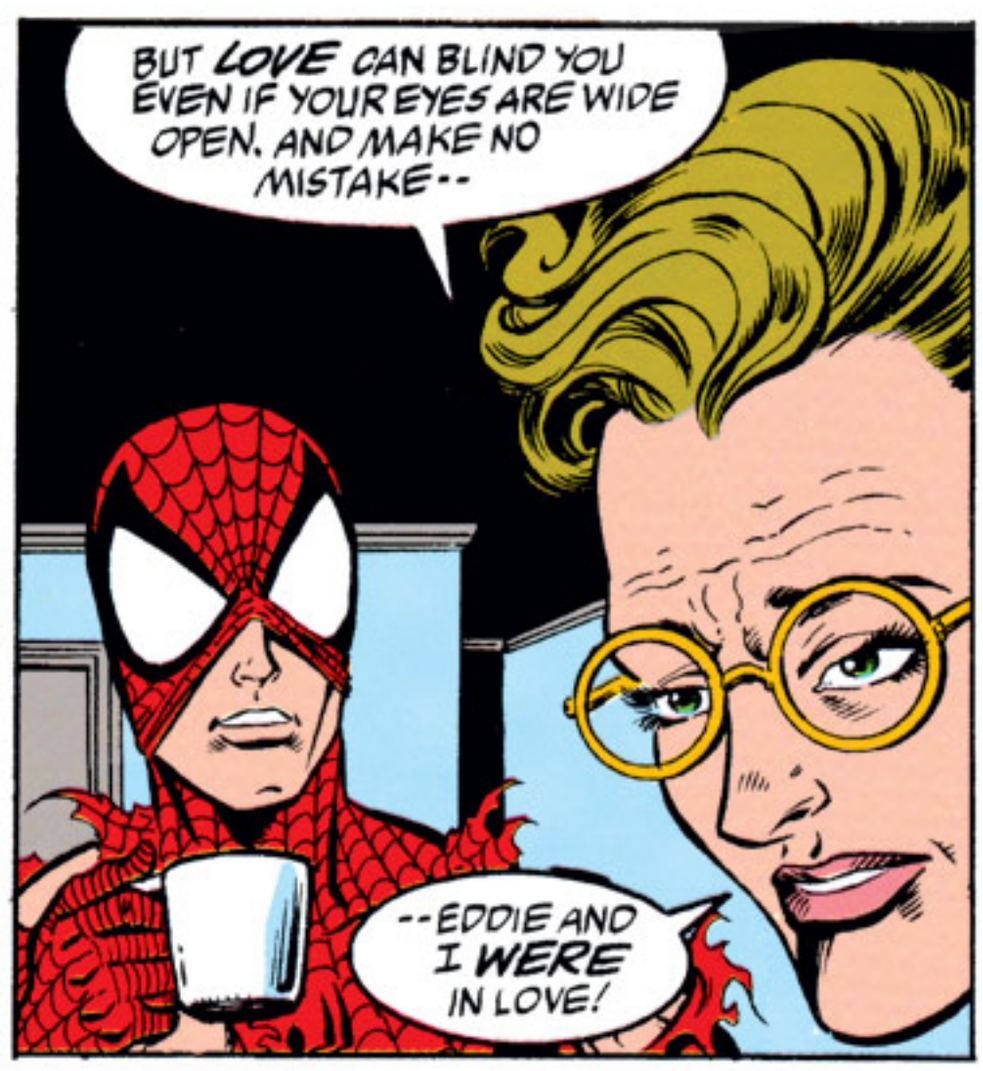
EEP!

I'M SORRY IF I STARTLED YOU! A-AND I'M REALLY SORRY TO SCALE THE WALL AND BREAK IN LIKE THIS! BUT --
GET OUT!
I'LL CALL THE POLICE!

I CAN'T LEAVE -- LIVES ARE AT STAKE!
LIVES IN THE HANDS OF YOUR EX-HUSBAND! PLEASE...
...HELP ME SAVE THOSE LIVES?

I--I... DON'T...
...ALL RIGHT.
I'LL LISTEN.


SHE DOES; AND THEN, AS IF IN REACTION TO HER RESURRECTED PAST... SHE BEGINS TO SPEAK.
NO ONE EXPECTS DIVORCE; IT'S NOT SOMETHING YOU PLAN FOR, LIKE BIRTHDAYS, OR GRADUATIONS.

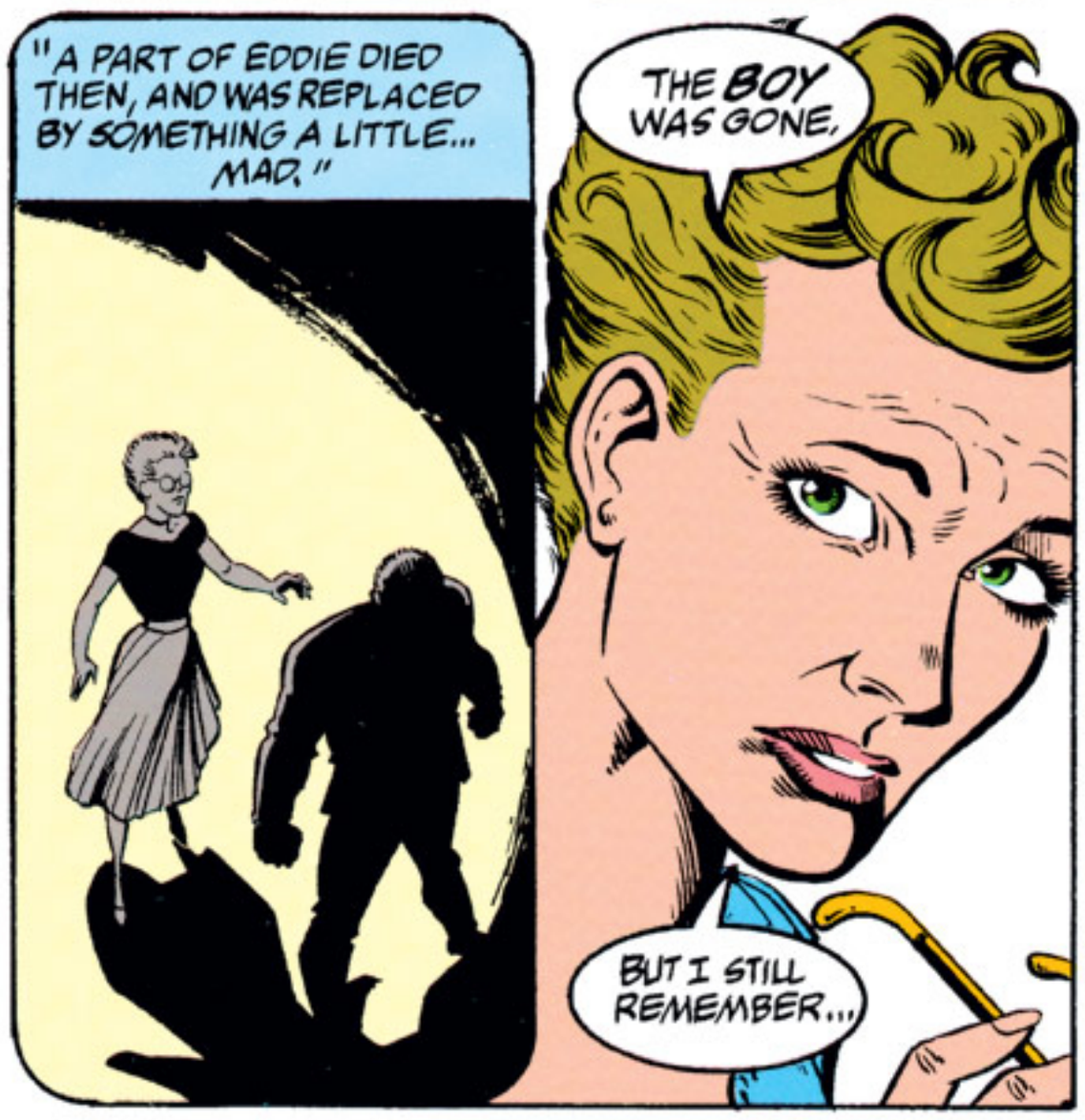

BUT LOVE CAN BLIND YOU EVEN IF YOUR EYES ARE WIDE OPEN. AND MAKE NO MISTAKE--
--EDDIE AND I WERE IN LOVE!

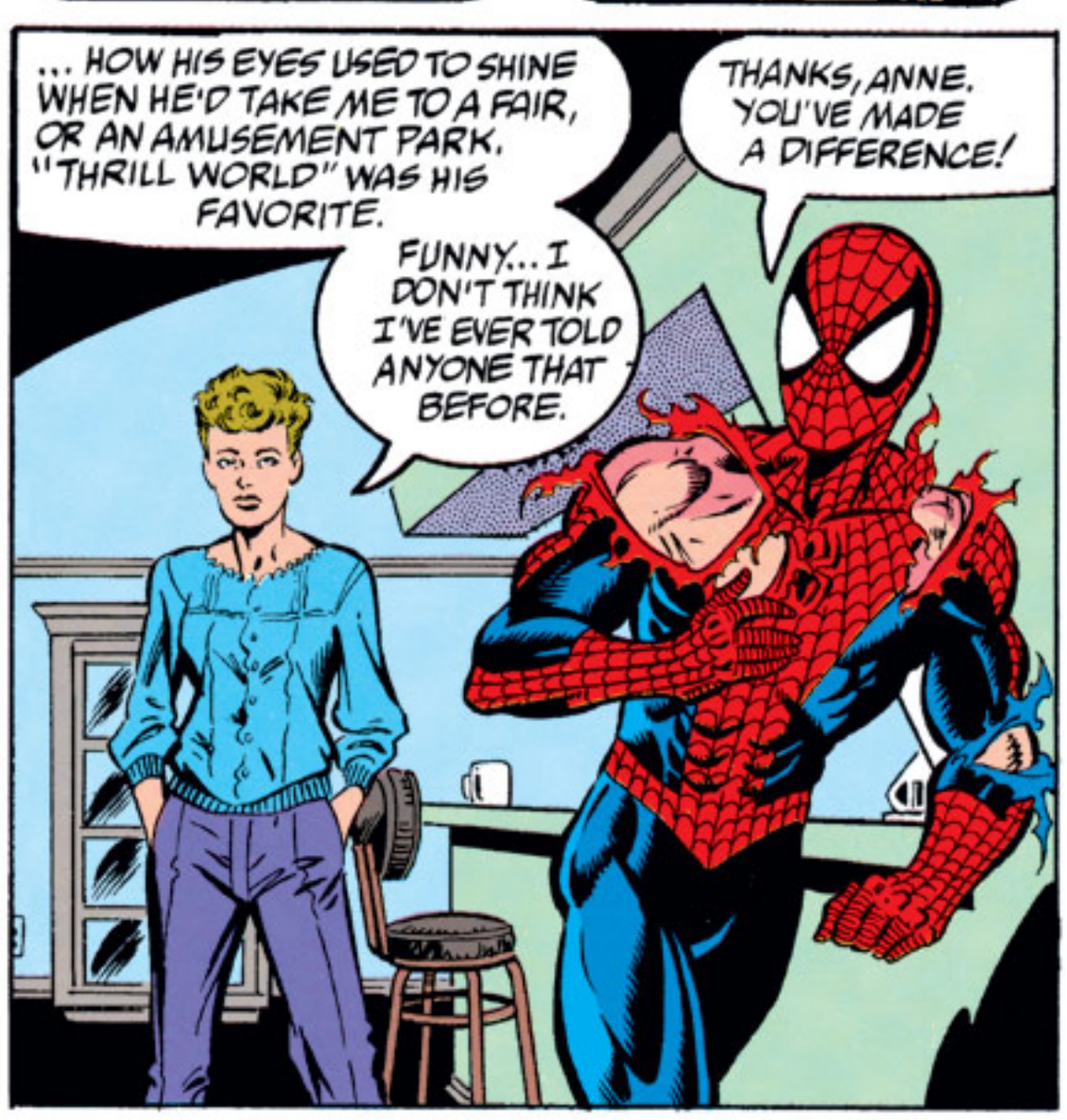
"HE WAS SMART, WITTY, WITH A BOYISH CHARM THAT SWEPT ME OFF MY FEET!

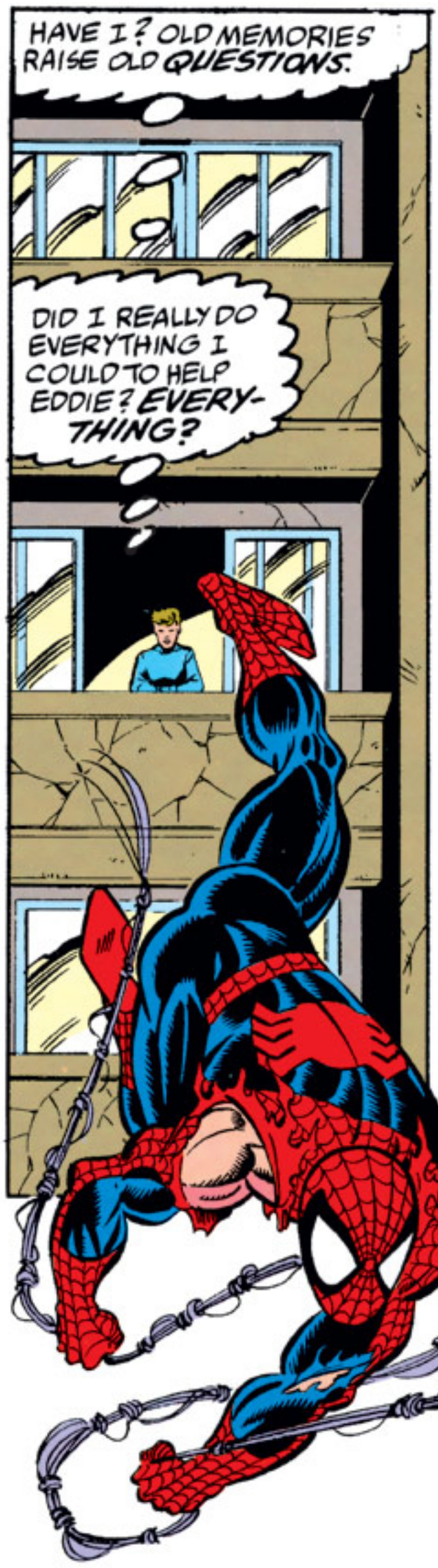
"IT WAS A SIDE HE USUALLY KEPT HIDDEN, ESPECIALLY FROM HIS FATHER. CARL BROCK HAD LITTLE USE FOR THE FRIVOLOUS...
"...OR FOR EDDIE, SADLY ENOUGH.

"I THINK THAT'S WHY EDDIE WORKED SO HARD TO BE A STAR REPORTER-- AND WHY HE WAS CRUSHED WHEN HIS CAREER WAS DESTROYED IN A SCANDAL.
DAILY BUGLE
HOAX!!
GLOBE REPORTER BROCK FIRED

"THAT SEEMED TO BE THE FINAL WEDGE BETWEEN FATHER AND SON; DISINTEREST BECAME EMBARRASSMENT... AND FOR EDDIE, SHAME.

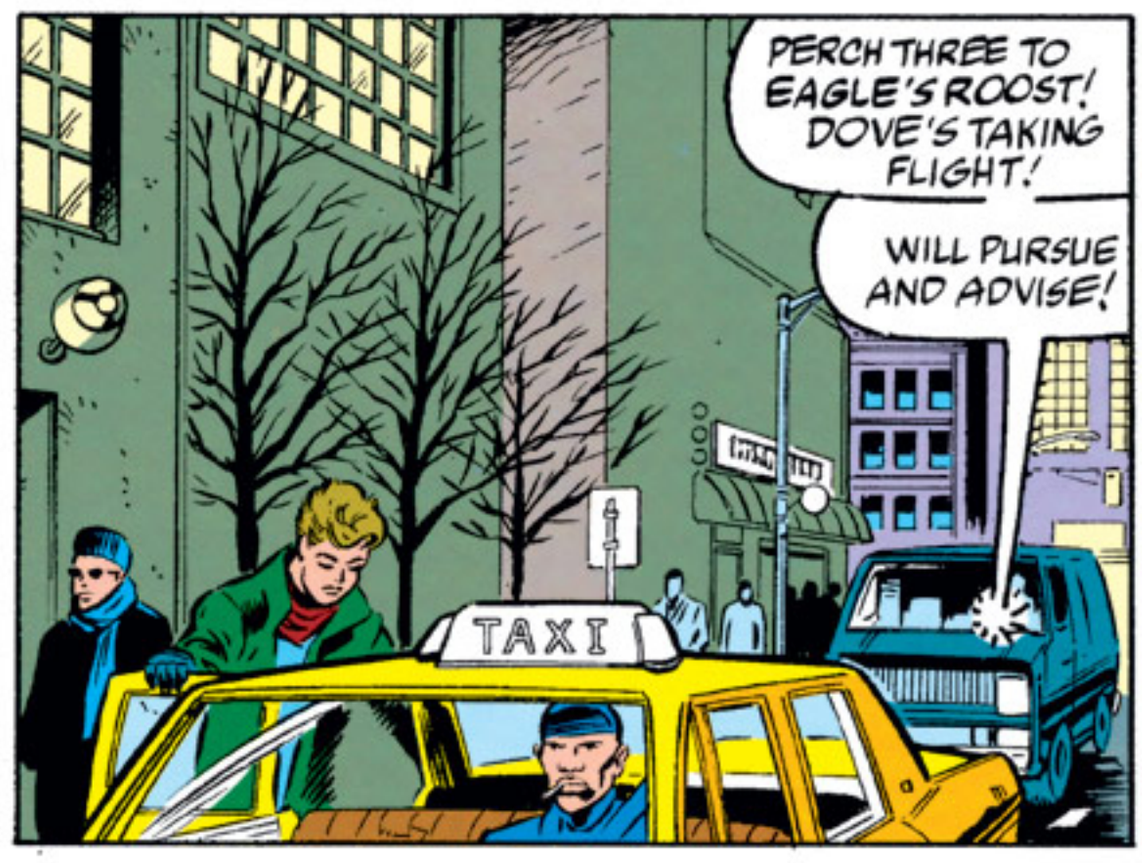

"A PART OF EDDIE DIED THEN, AND WAS REPLACED BY SOMETHING A LITTLE... MAD."
THE BOY WAS GONE,
BUT I STILL REMEMBER...


... HOW HIS EYES USED TO SHINE WHEN HE'D TAKE ME TO A FAIR, OR AN AMUSEMENT PARK. "THRILL WORLD" WAS HIS FAVORITE.
FUNNY... I DON'T THINK I'VE EVER TOLD ANYONE THAT BEFORE.
THANKS, ANNE. YOU'VE MADE A DIFFERENCE!

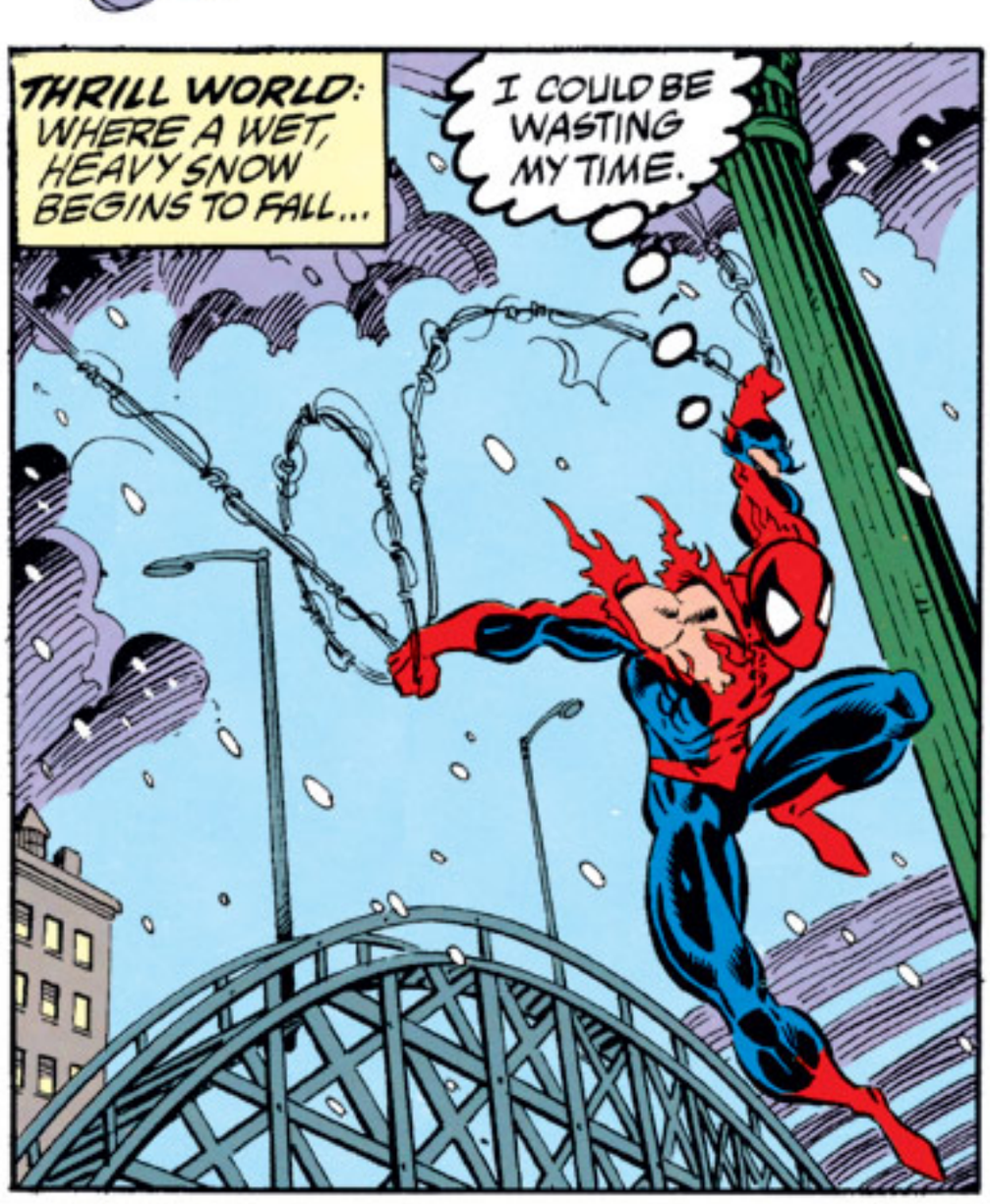

HAVE I? OLD MEMORIES RAISE OLD QUESTIONS.
DID I REALLY DO EVERYTHING I COULD TO HELP EDDIE? EVERY-THING?

IS THERE ANYTHING I COULD DO... NOW?

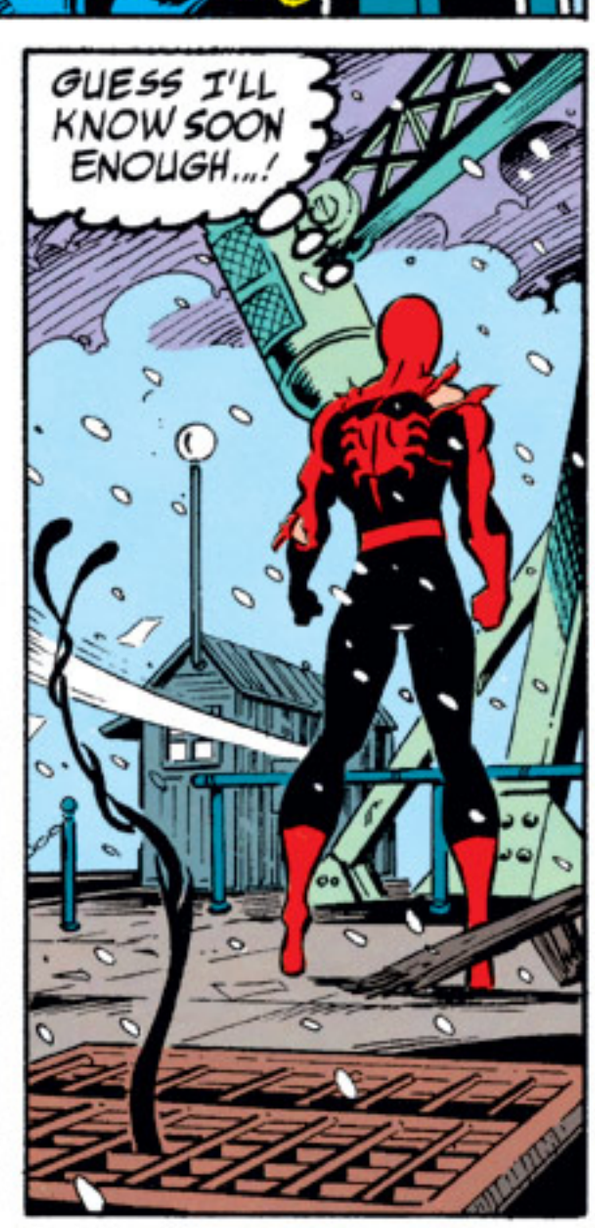
MOMENTS LATER...
TAXI!

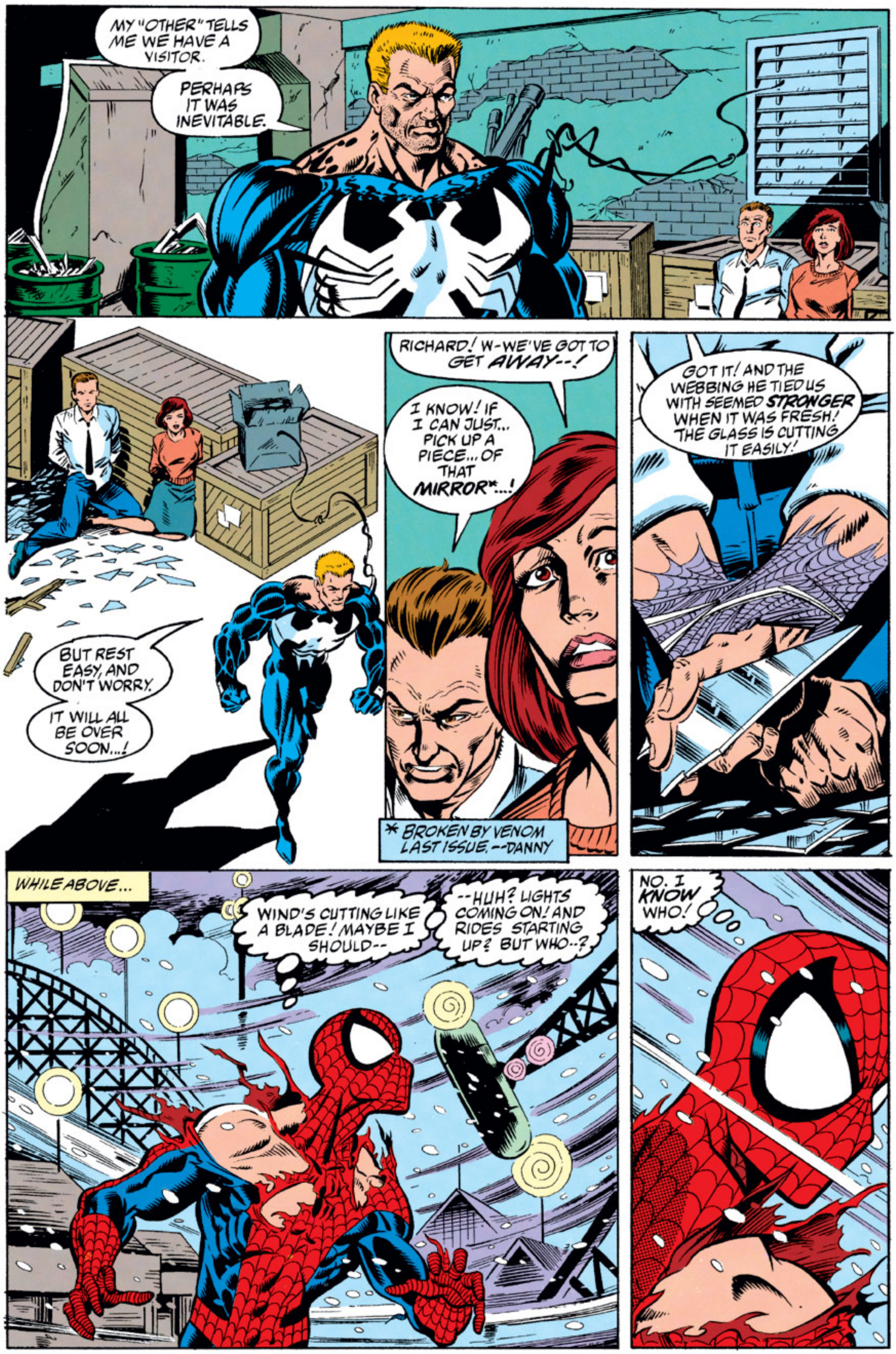

PERCH THREE TO EAGLE'S ROOST! DOVE'S TAKING FLIGHT!
WILL PURSUE AND ADVISE!
TAXI

BETTER LOCK AND LOAD, GENTS! I'VE GOT A FEELING WE'RE ABOUT TO BE LED RIGHT TO THE TARGET!

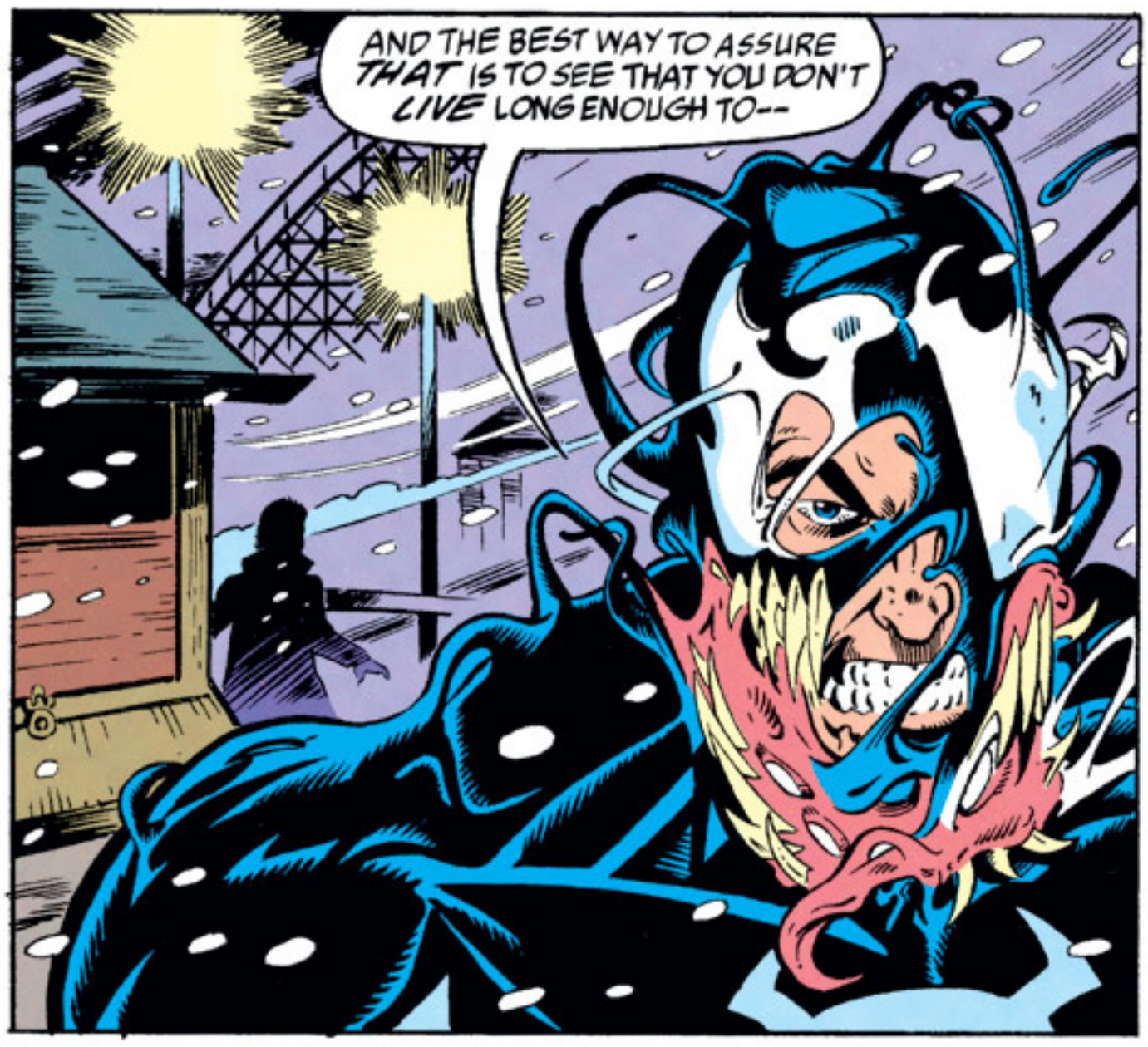

THRILL WORLD: WHERE A WET, HEAVY SNOW BEGINS TO FALL...
I COULD BE WASTING MY TIME.

BUT THIS FEELS RIGHT. IF THIS PARK IS LINKED TO EDDIE'S OBSESSION WITH HIS CHILDHOOD, AND HIS PARENTS--
--IT SEEMS LOGICAL THAT HE MIGHT BRING MY PARENTS HERE!

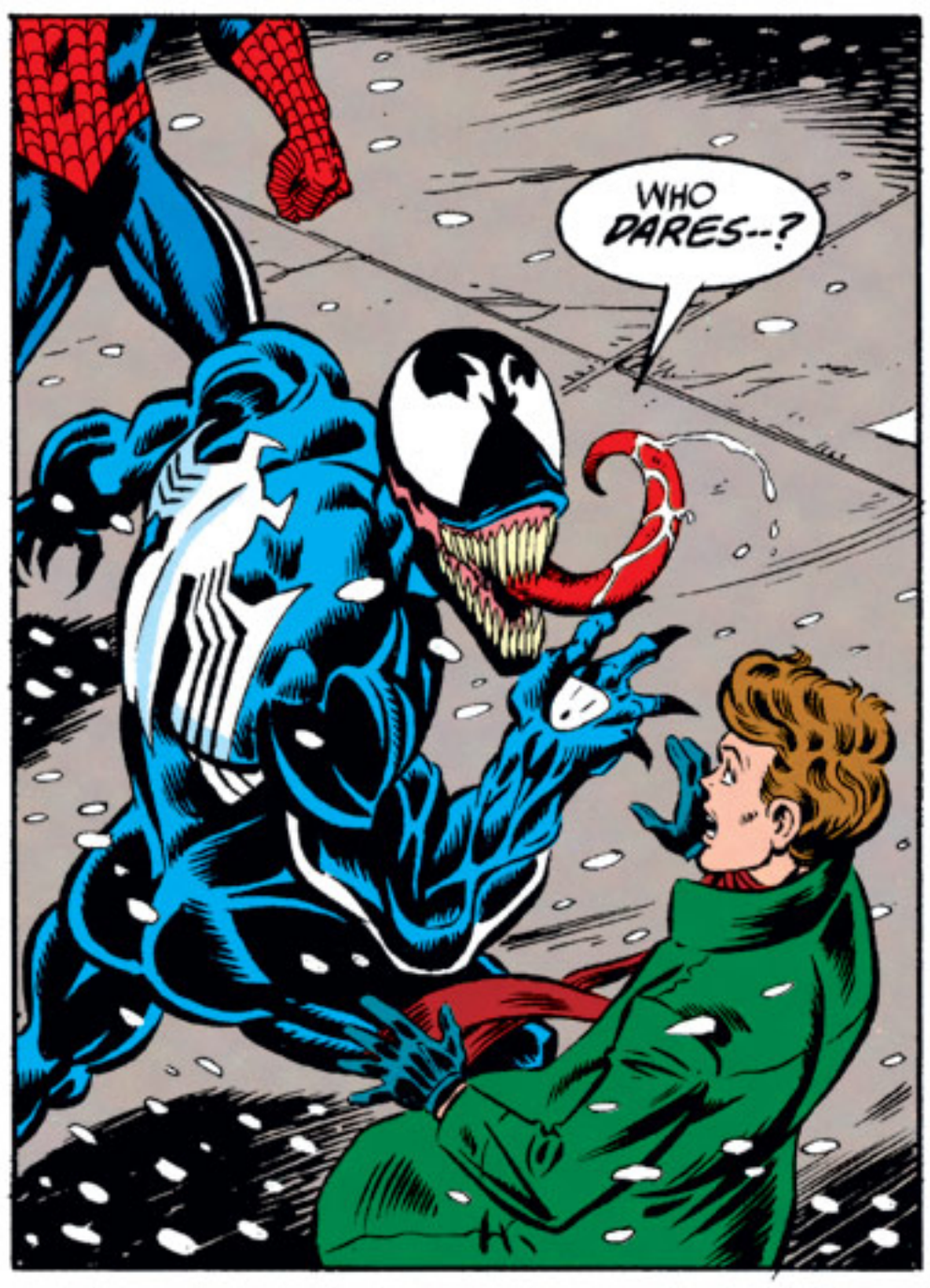

GUESS I'LL KNOW SOON ENOUGH...!


MY "OTHER" TELLS ME WE HAVE A VISITOR.
PERHAPS IT WAS INEVITABLE.
BUT REST EASY, AND DON'T WORRY.
IT WILL ALL BE OVER SOON...!
RICHARD! W-WE'VE GOT TO GET AWAY--!
I KNOW! IF I CAN JUST... PICK UP A PIECE... OF THAT MIRROR*...!
* BROKEN BY VENOM LAST ISSUE.--DANNY
GOT IT! AND THE WEBBING HE TIED US WITH SEEMED STRONGER WHEN IT WAS FRESH! THE GLASS IS CUTTING IT EASILY!
WHILE ABOVE...
WIND'S CUTTING LIKE A BLADE! MAYBE I SHOULD--
--HUH? LIGHTS COMING ON! AND RIDES STARTING UP? BUT WHO--?
NO. I KNOW WHO!

YOU USUALLY RUN FROM US.
NOT THIS TIME, BROCK! BUT IF YOU'VE HARMED MY MOM AND DAD, YOU'LL WISH I HAD RUN!
HOW SILLY. WE DON'T WANT TO HURT THEM; WE WANT TO PROTECT THEM--
--FROM YOU!
WHAT?!
WE WERE INNOCENT ONCE, AS BLAMELESS AS YOUR DEAR PARENTS--
--UNTIL YOUR MEDDLING RUINED THE MAN WE USED TO BE!
AS LONG AS RICHARD AND MARY WERE IN THAT RUSSIAN PRISON, THEY WERE SAFE FROM YOUR CORRUPTING INFLUENCE!
BUT NOW, IT'S UP TO US TO KEEP THEM PURE!

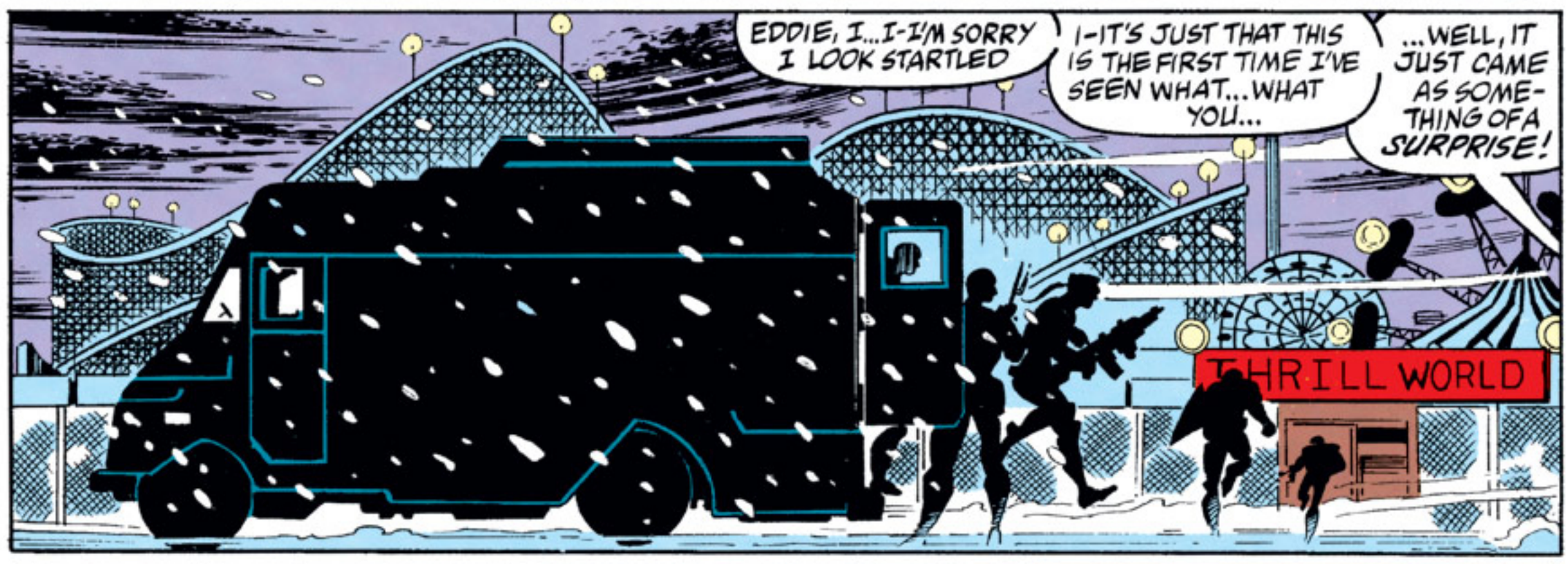

AND THE BEST WAY TO ASSURE THAT IS TO SEE THAT YOU DON'T LIVE LONG ENOUGH TO--

GASP
HNH?


WHO DARES--?

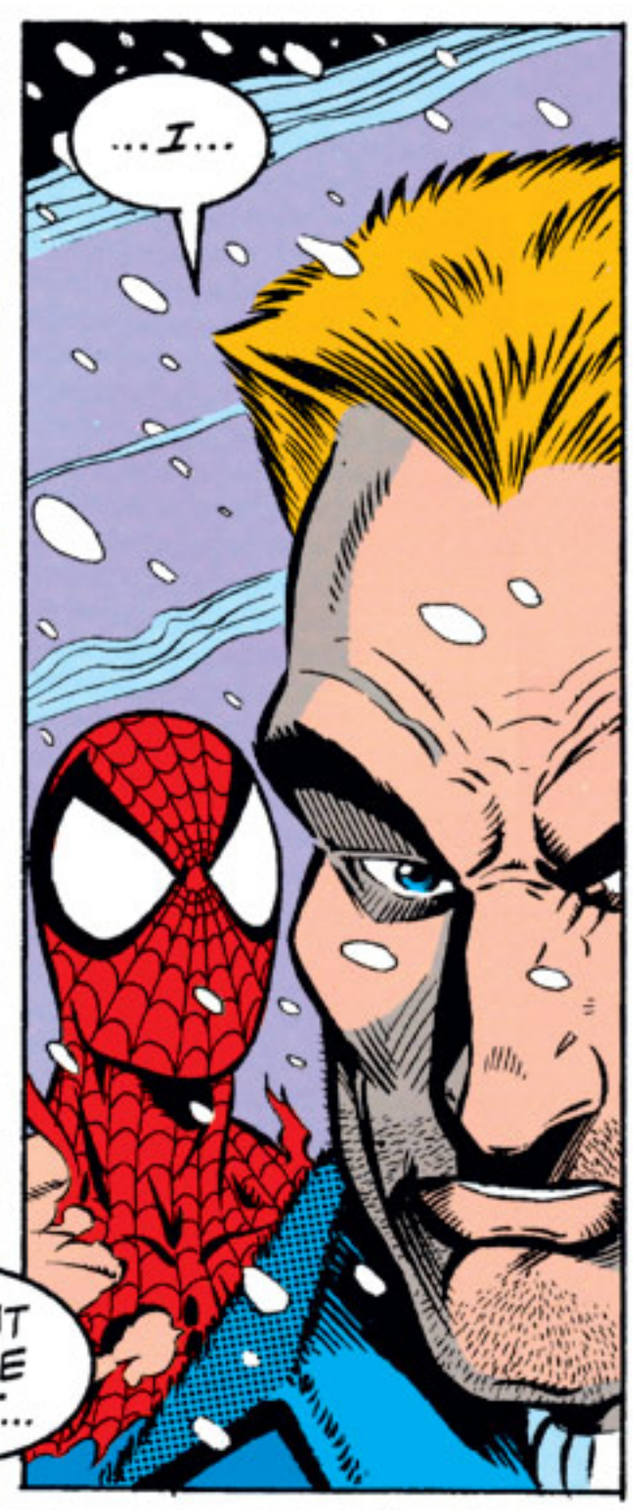
ANNIE?
I-IS THAT YOU?

HI, BABE!
YA LOOK GREAT!


EDDIE, I...I-I'M SORRY I LOOK STARTLED
I-IT'S JUST THAT THIS IS THE FIRST TIME I'VE SEEN WHAT...WHAT YOU...
...WELL, IT JUST CAME AS SOME-THING OF A SURPRISE!
THRILL WORLD

YES, WE'RE...NOT WHAT WE USED TO BE.
YOU'RE WHAT YOU CHOSE TO BE, EDDIE! BUT YOU DON'T HAVE TO STAY THAT WAY!
YOU CAN BE ANYTHING YOU WANT! IT'S ALL UP TO YOU!

THOSE PEOPLE SPIDER-MAN SAID YOU KIDNAPPED-- WHY DON'T YOU LET THEM GO? THAT COULD BE A START.
MAYBE EVEN A NEW START... FOR US.
B-BUT WE...WE CAN'T...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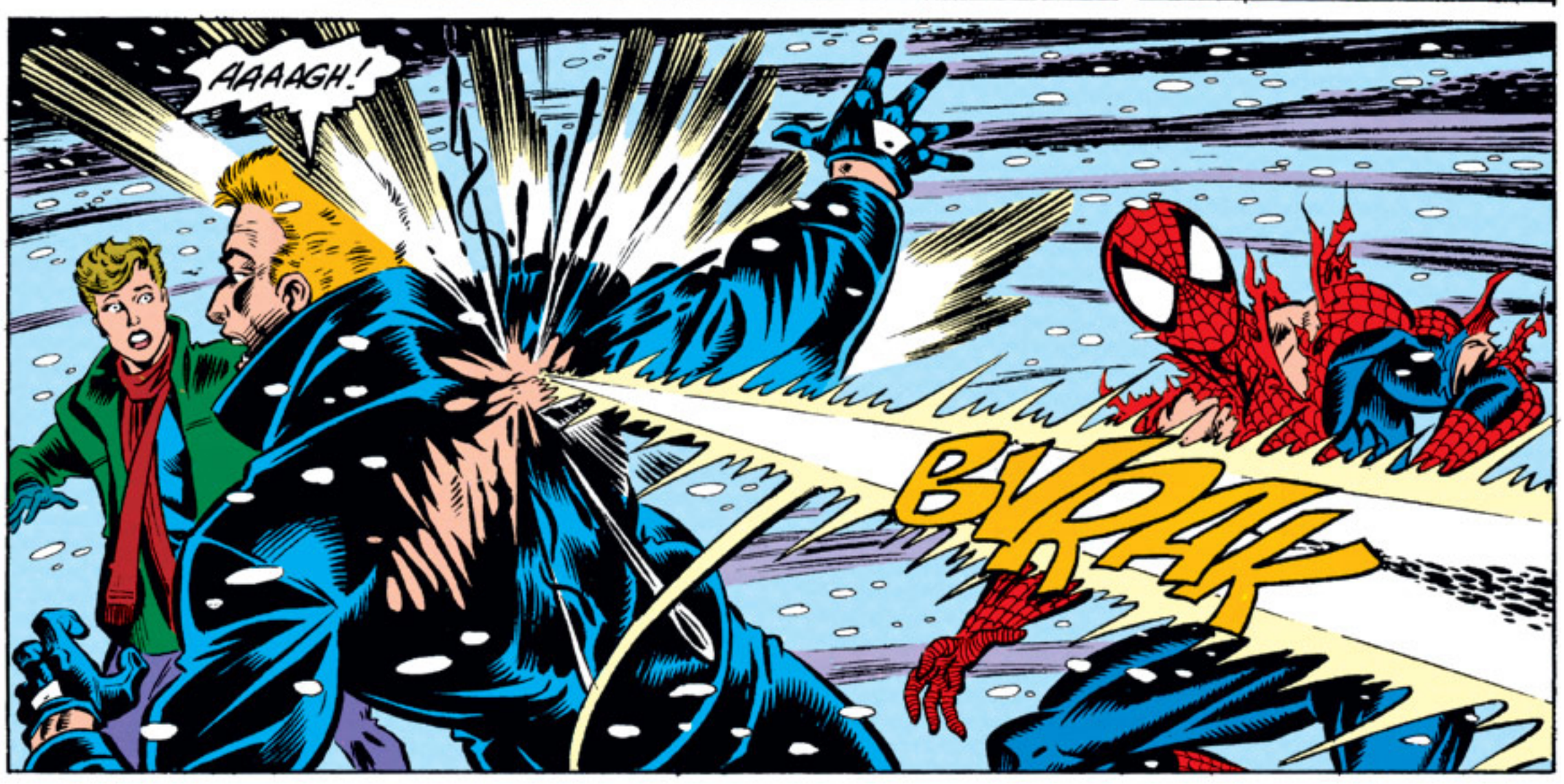
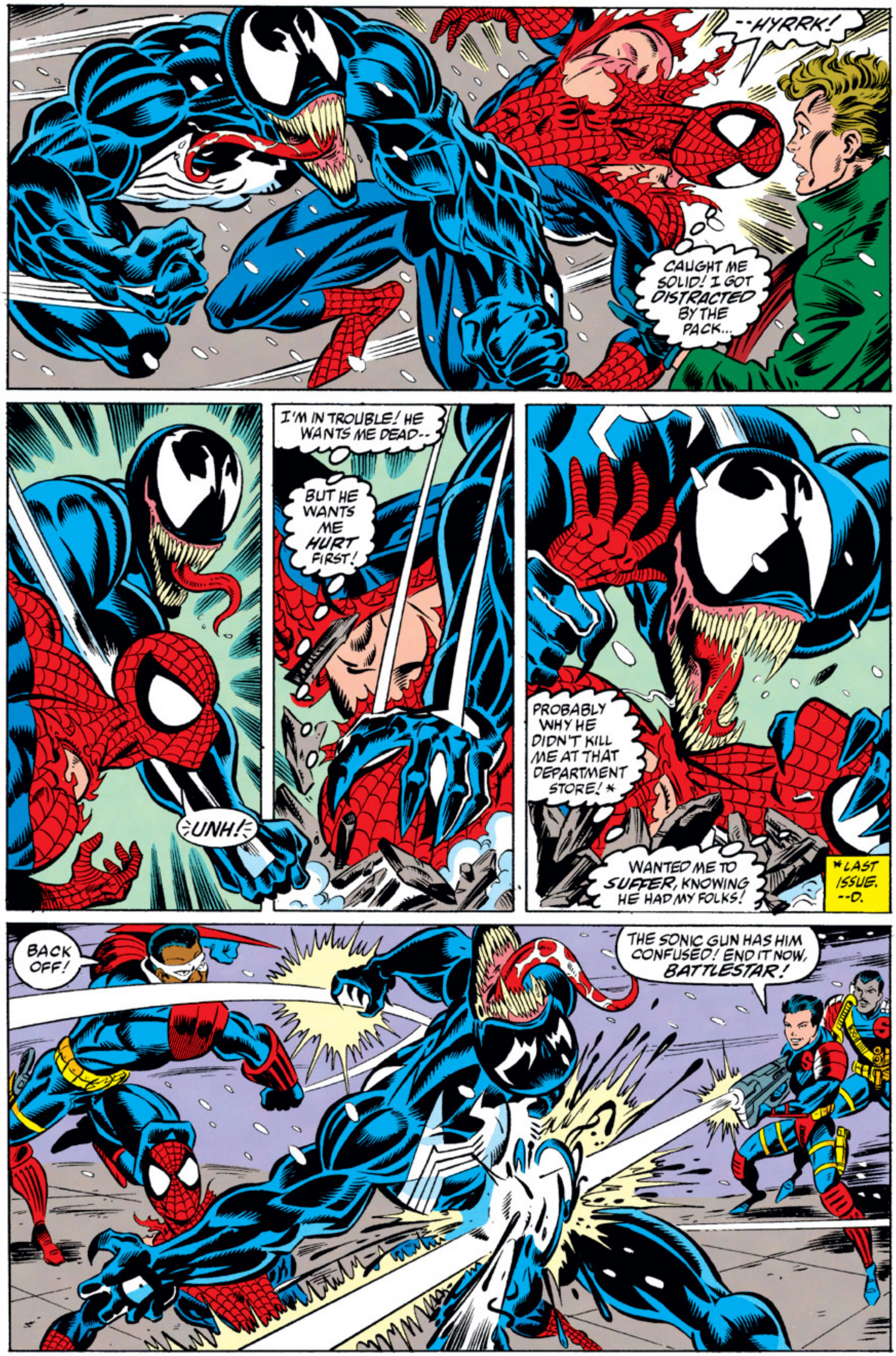
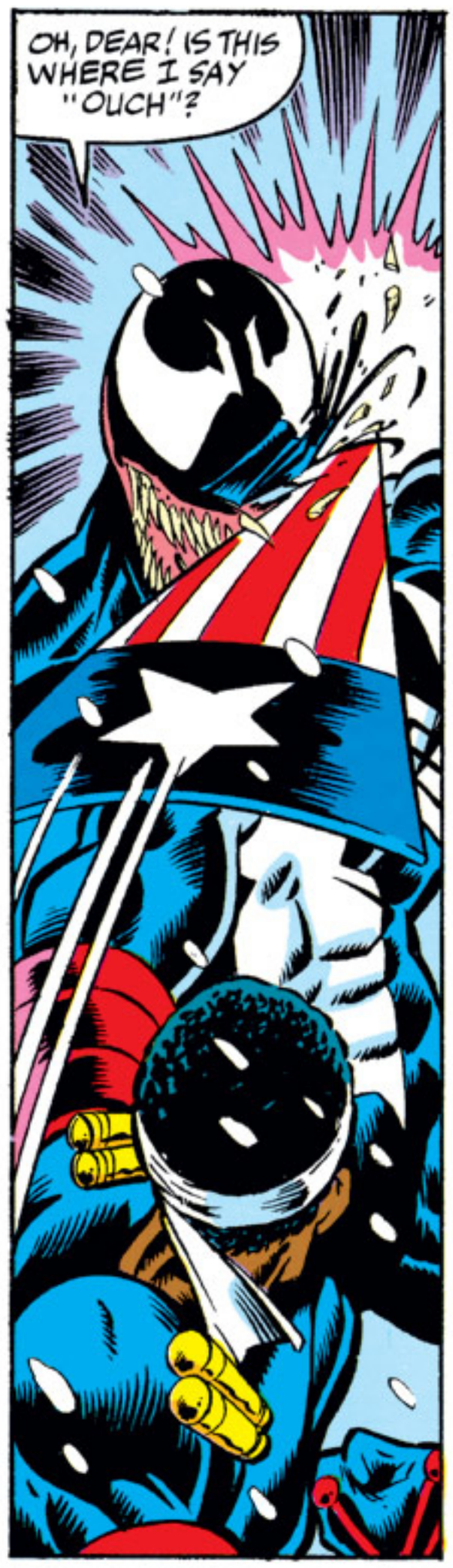

AAAAGH!
BYRAK

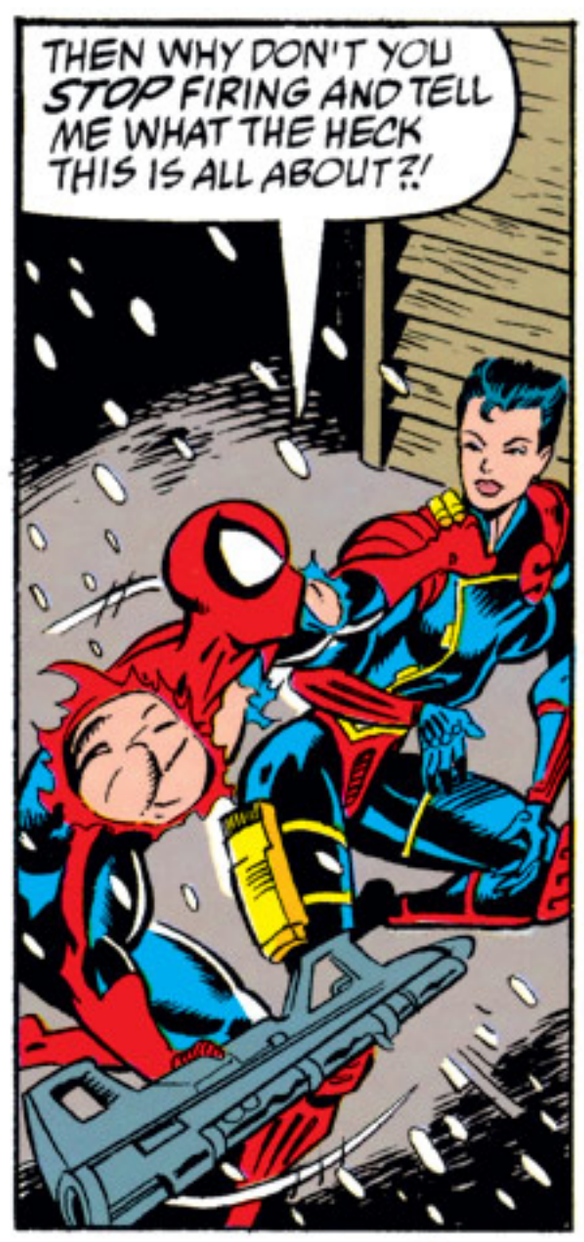
A SONIC ATTACK! FROM BEHIND--!
AN' THERE'S A BUCKETLOAD MORE WHERE THAT CAME FROM!

WE'RE THE WILD PACK, GRUESOME! WE BEEN HIRED TA BRING Y'ALL IN!
AND THAT'S EXACTLY WHAT WE'RE GOING TO DO!
HOPE YA DON'T COME ALONG QUIETLY...!
YOU DID THIS!
YOU EVEN CORRUPTED ANNIE, MADE HER TRICK US INTO LETTING OUR GUARD DOWN!
WE'LL SUCK THE MARROW FROM YOUR TINIEST BONES--!
HEY, I D-DIDN'T KNOW ABOUT--

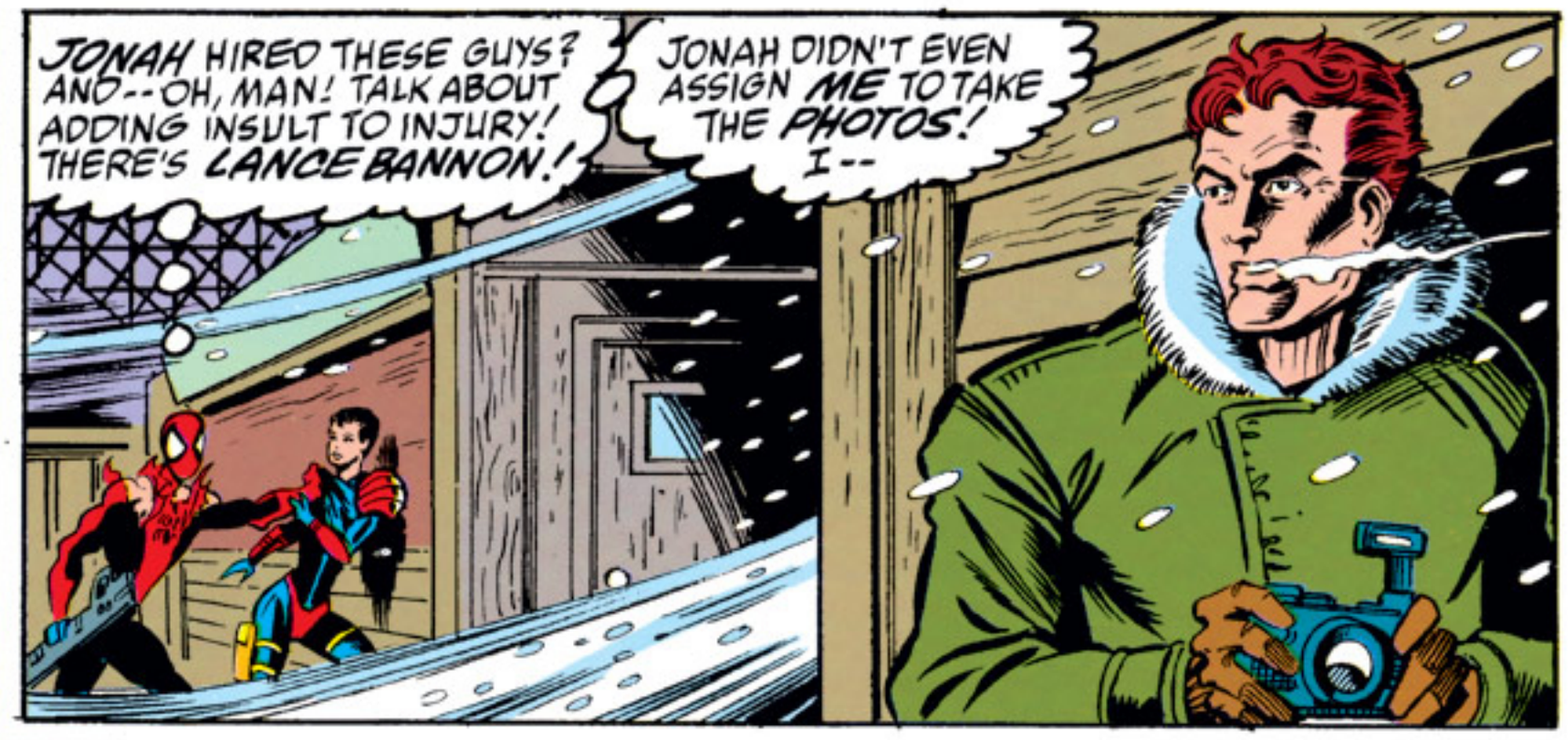

--HYRRK!
CAUGHT ME SOLID! I GOT DISTRACTED BY THE PACK...
UNH!
I'M IN TROUBLE! HE WANTS ME DEAD--
BUT HE WANTS ME HURT FIRST!
PROBABLY WHY HE DIDN'T KILL ME AT THAT DEPARTMENT STORE! *
WANTED ME TO SUFFER, KNOWING HE HAD MY FOLKS!
* LAST ISSUE. --D.
BACK OFF!
THE SONIC GUN HAS HIM CONFUSED! END IT NOW, BATTLESTAR!

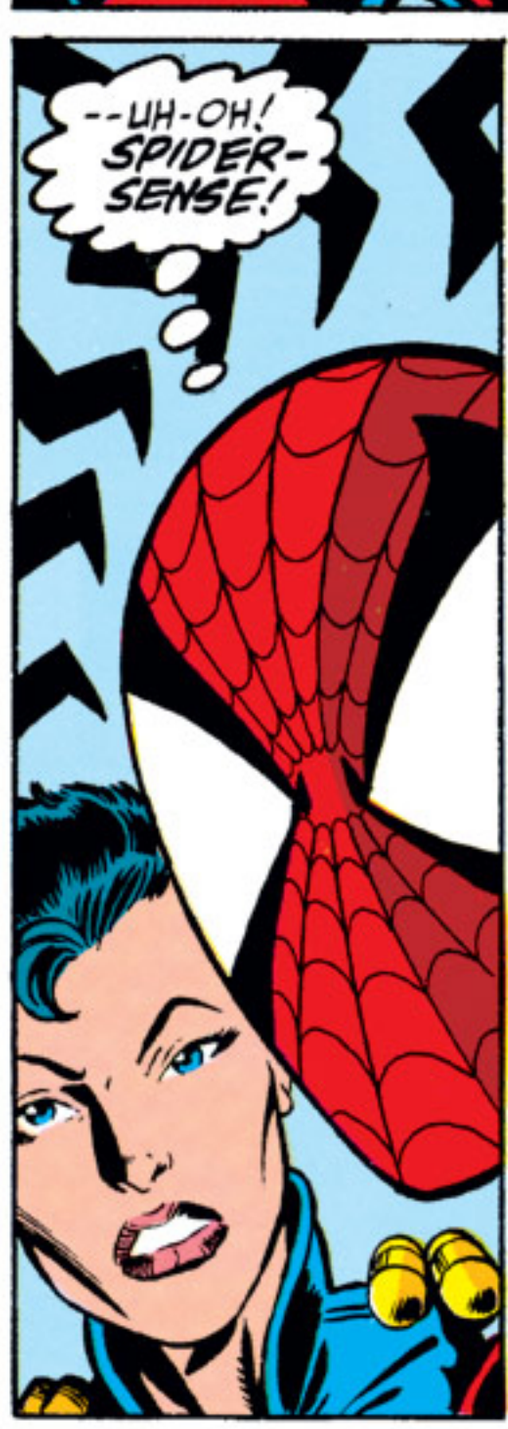

OH, DEAR! IS THIS WHERE I SAY "OUCH"?

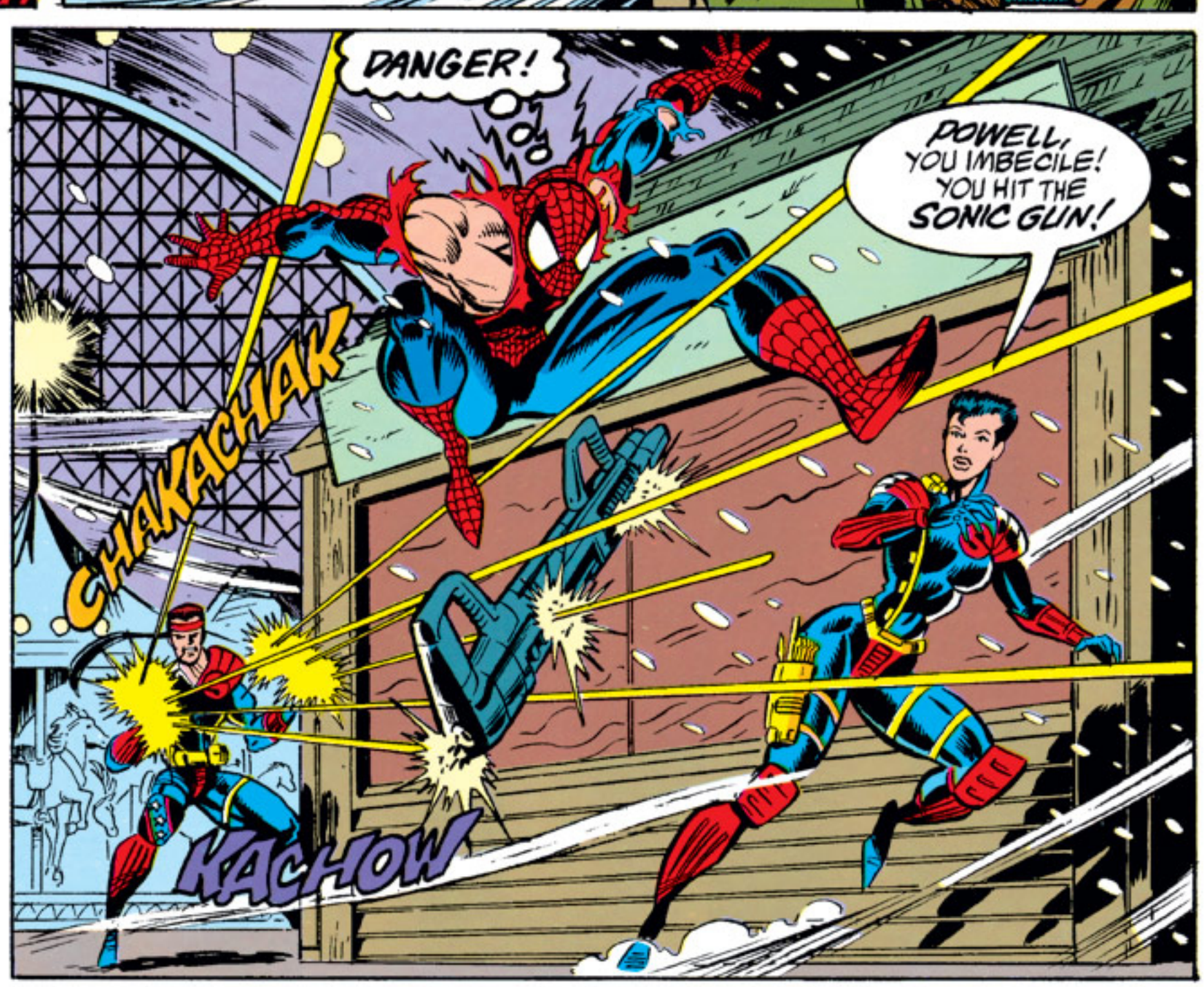
BATTLESTAR! MOVE! YOU'RE IN MY LINE OF FIRE!


THEN WHY DON'T YOU STOP FIRING AND TELL ME WHAT THE HECK THIS IS ALL ABOUT?!

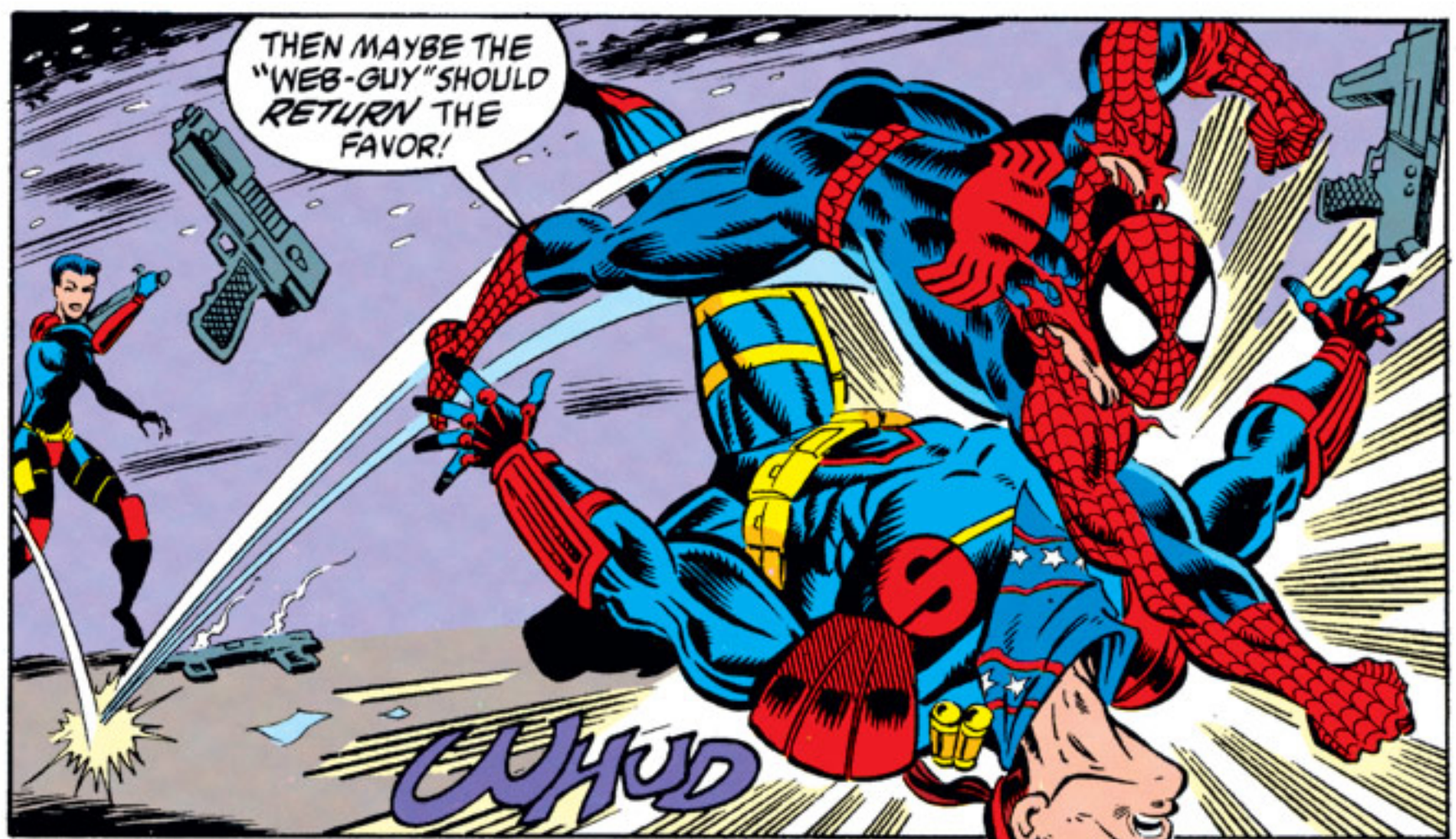
WE'RE TO BRING VENOM TO THE DAILY BUGLE, TO PROVIDE AN EXCLUSIVE STORY FOR THAT PUBLICATION!
NOW GIVE ME BACK MY WEAPON!


JONAH HIRED THESE GUYS? AND--OH, MAN! TALK ABOUT ADDING INSULT TO INJURY! THERE'S LANCE BANNON!
JONAH DIDN'T EVEN ASSIGN ME TO TAKE THE PHOTOS! I--

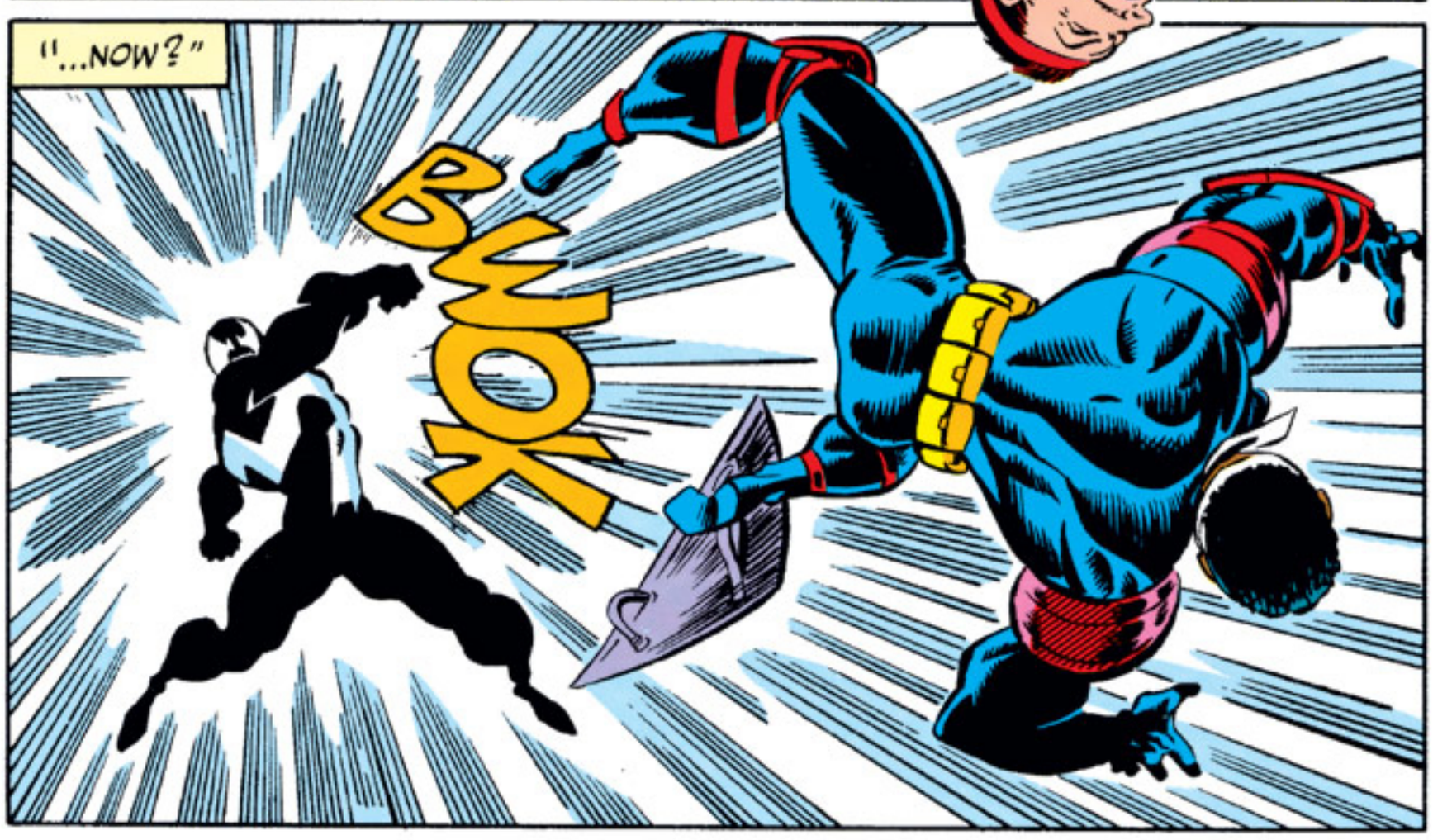

--UH-OH! SPIDER-SENSE!

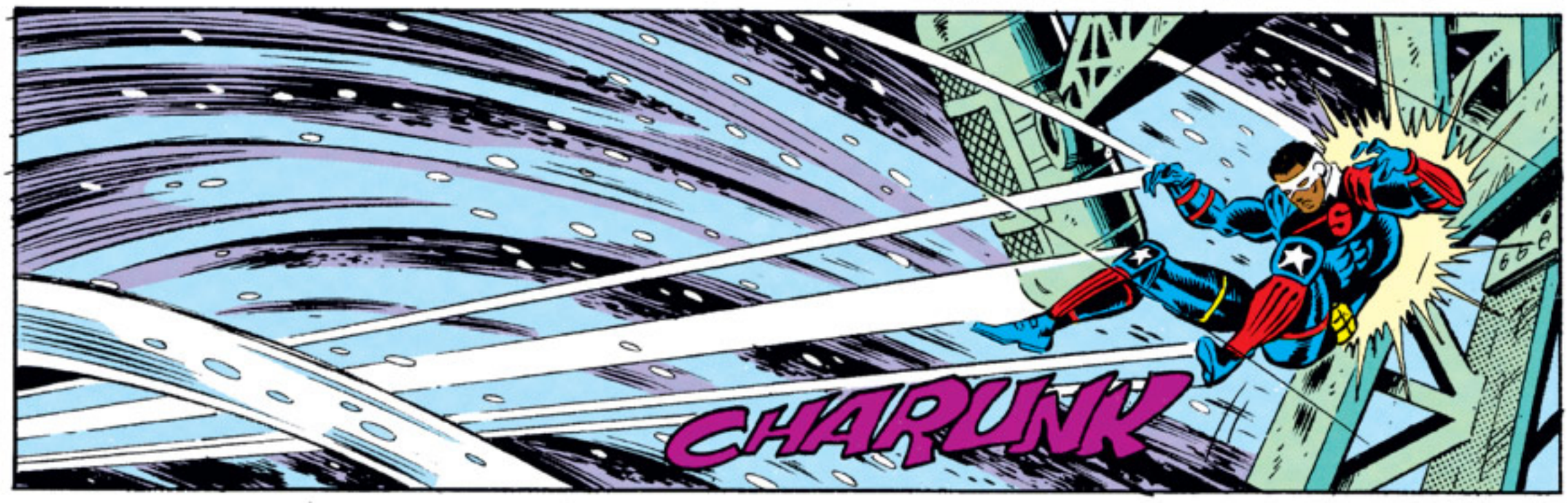

DANGER!
POWELL, YOU IMBECILE! YOU HIT THE SONIC GUN!
CHAKACHAK
KACHOW

AW, SHOOT, DARLIN'! AH ONLY WANTED TA SCARE THE WEB-GUY OFF!


THEN MAYBE THE "WEB-GUY" SHOULD RETURN THE FAVOR!
WHUD

A DOOR! HURRY, MARY! WE SHOULD BE...
...SAFE...


"...NOW?"
BLAM!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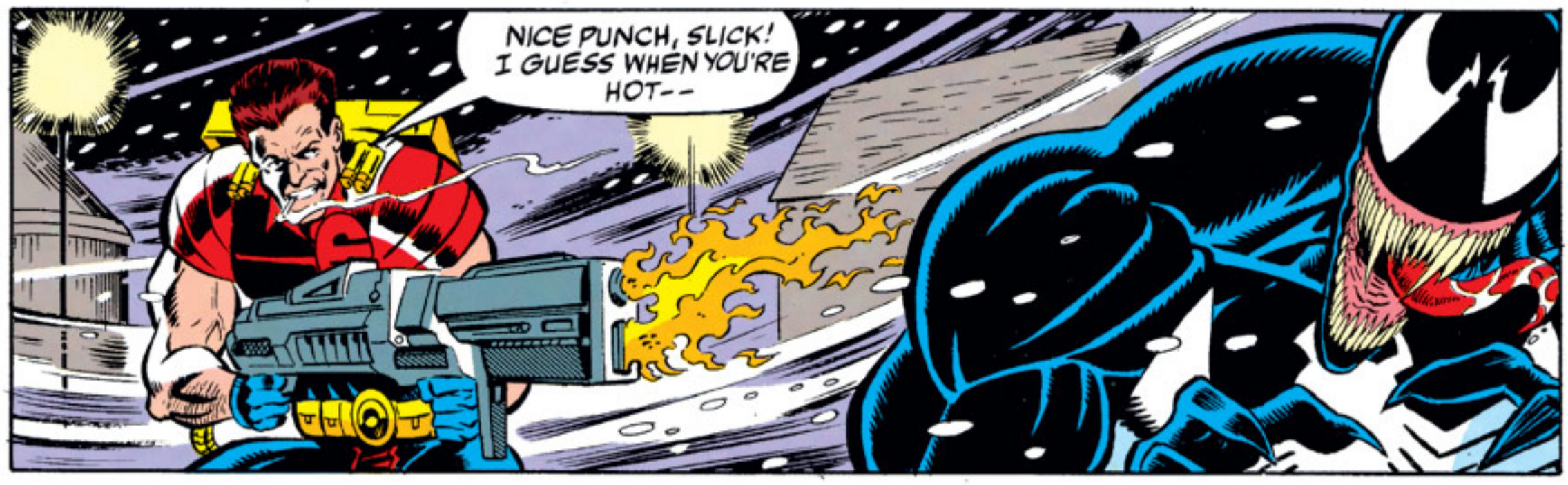
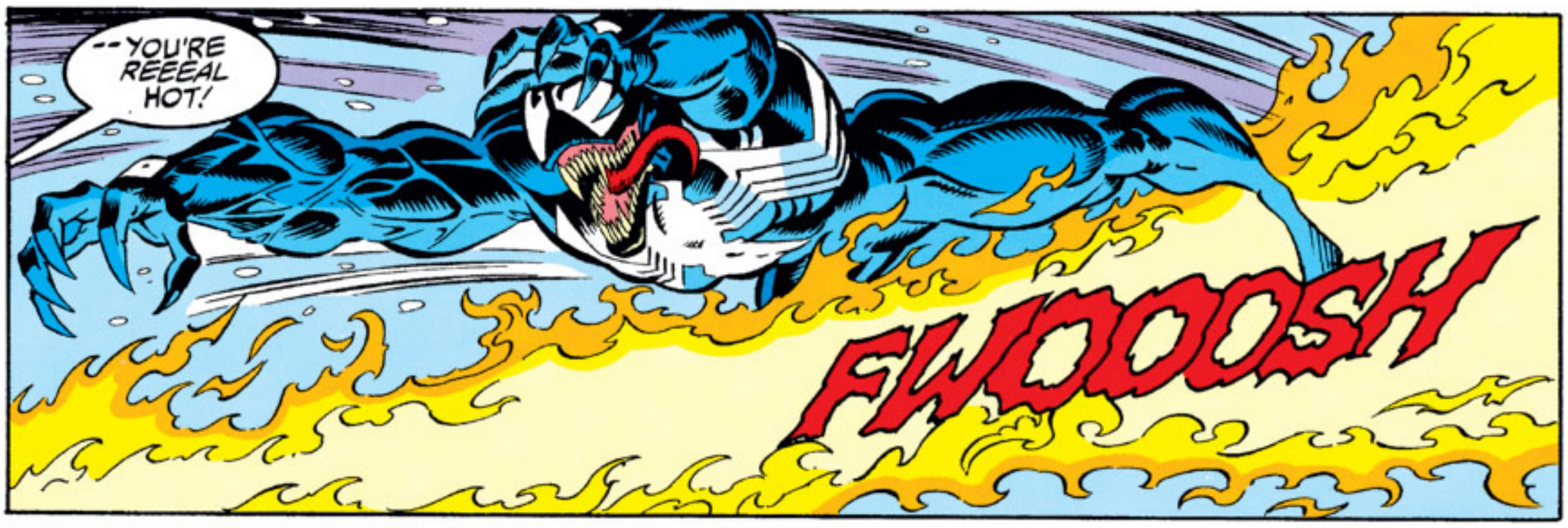
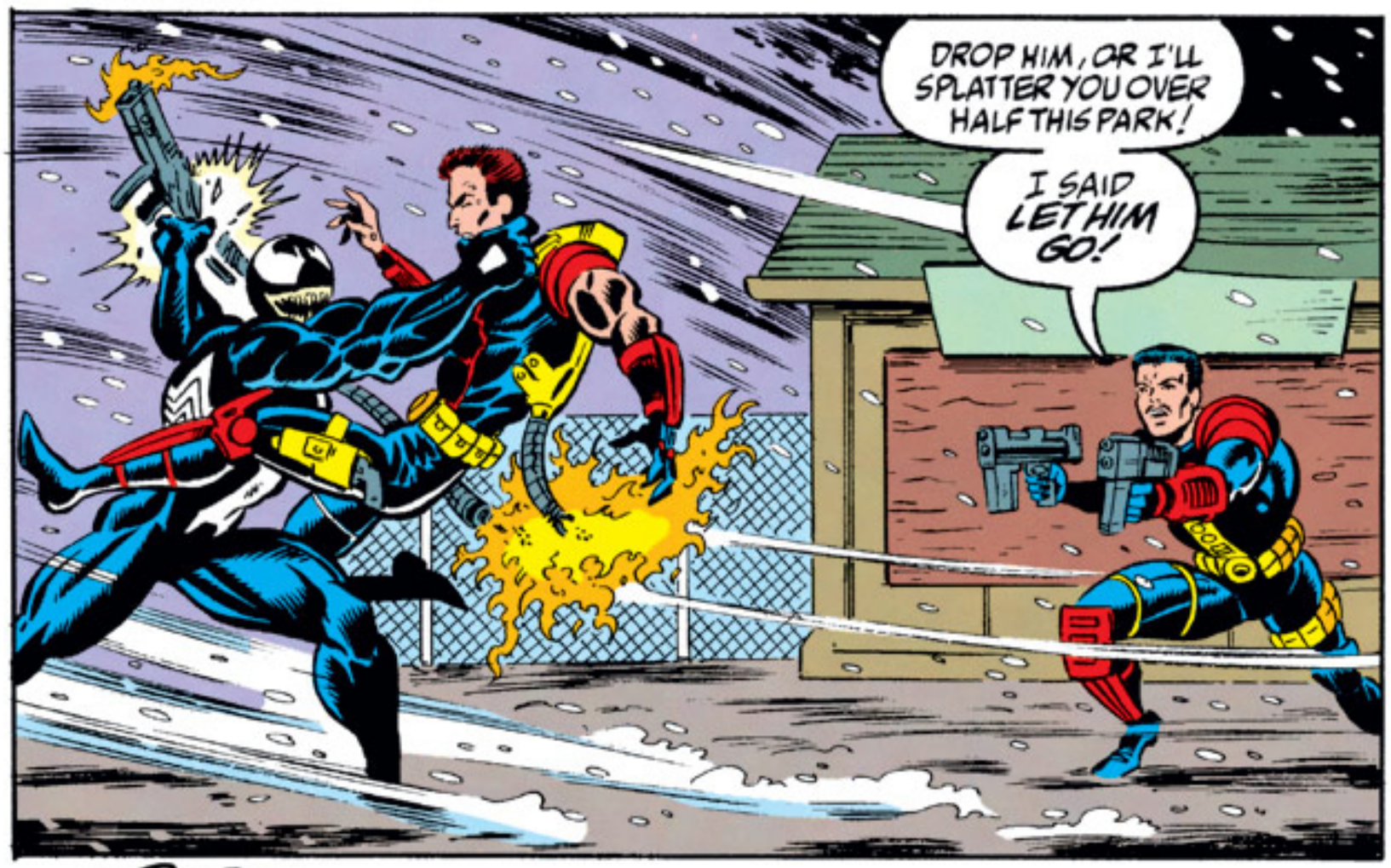
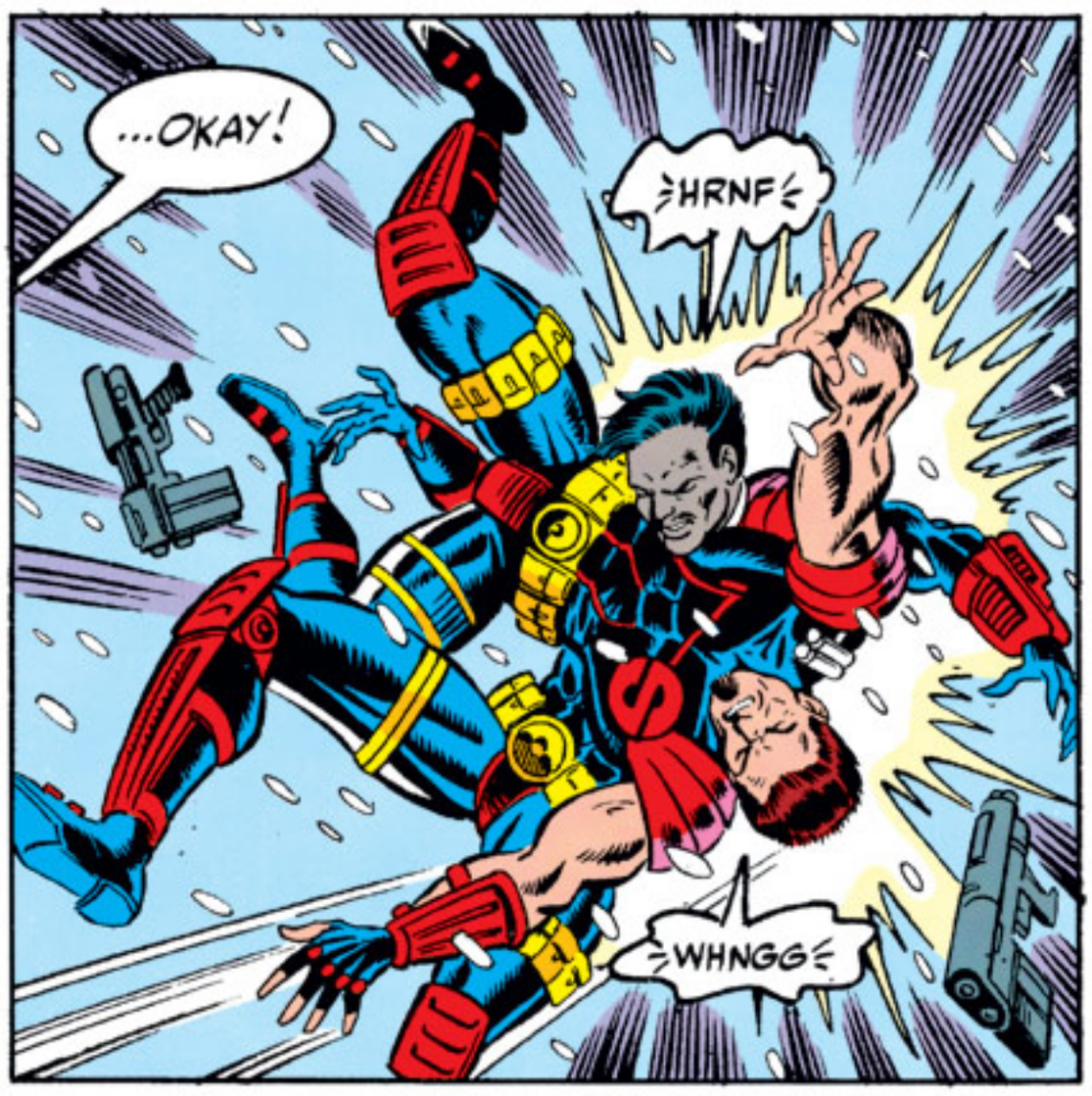

NICE PUNCH, SLICK! I GUESS WHEN YOU'RE HOT--


--YOU'RE REEEAL HOT!
FWOOOSH

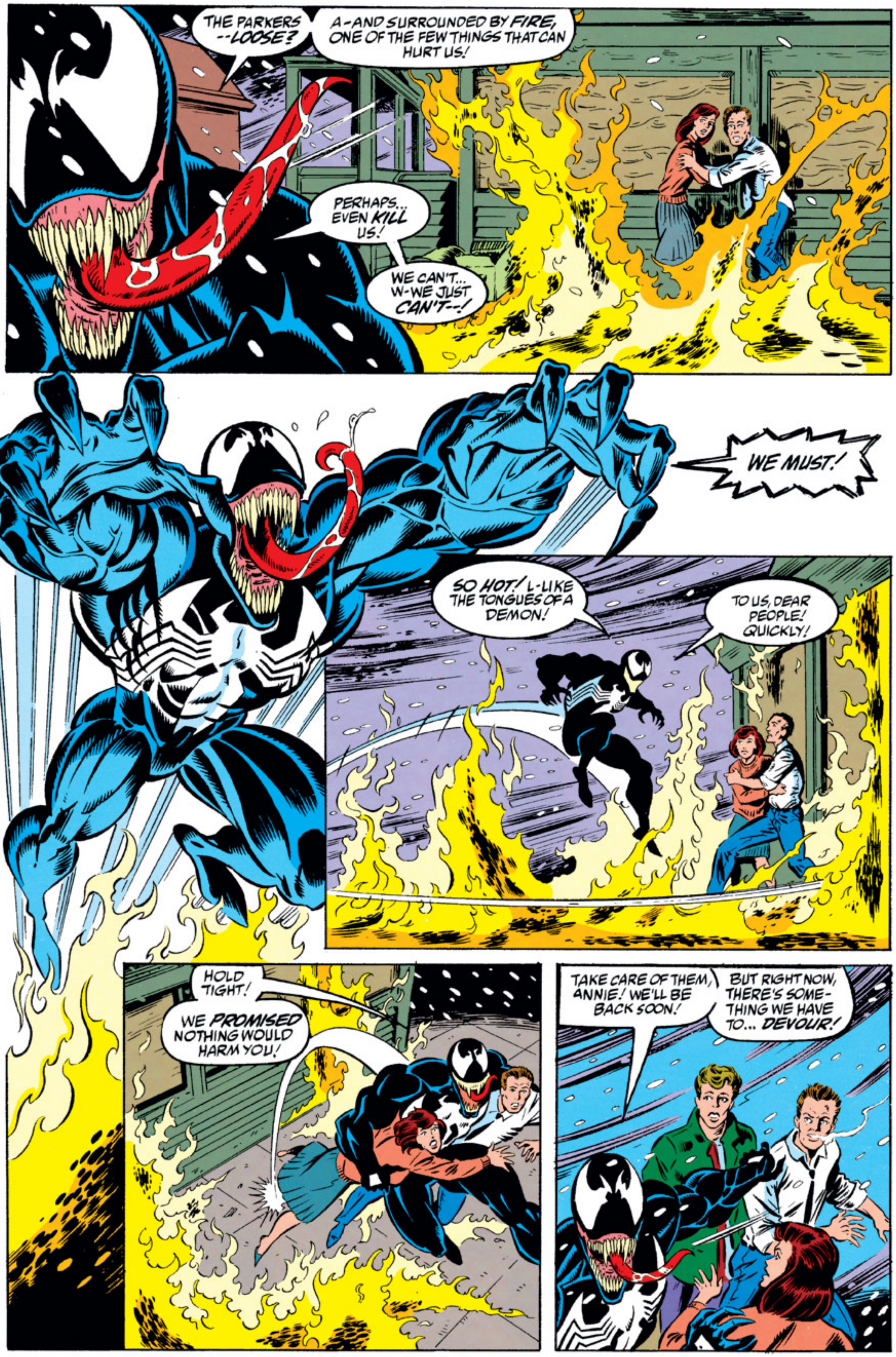
AND WHEN YOU'RE NOT...!
UH... OH.

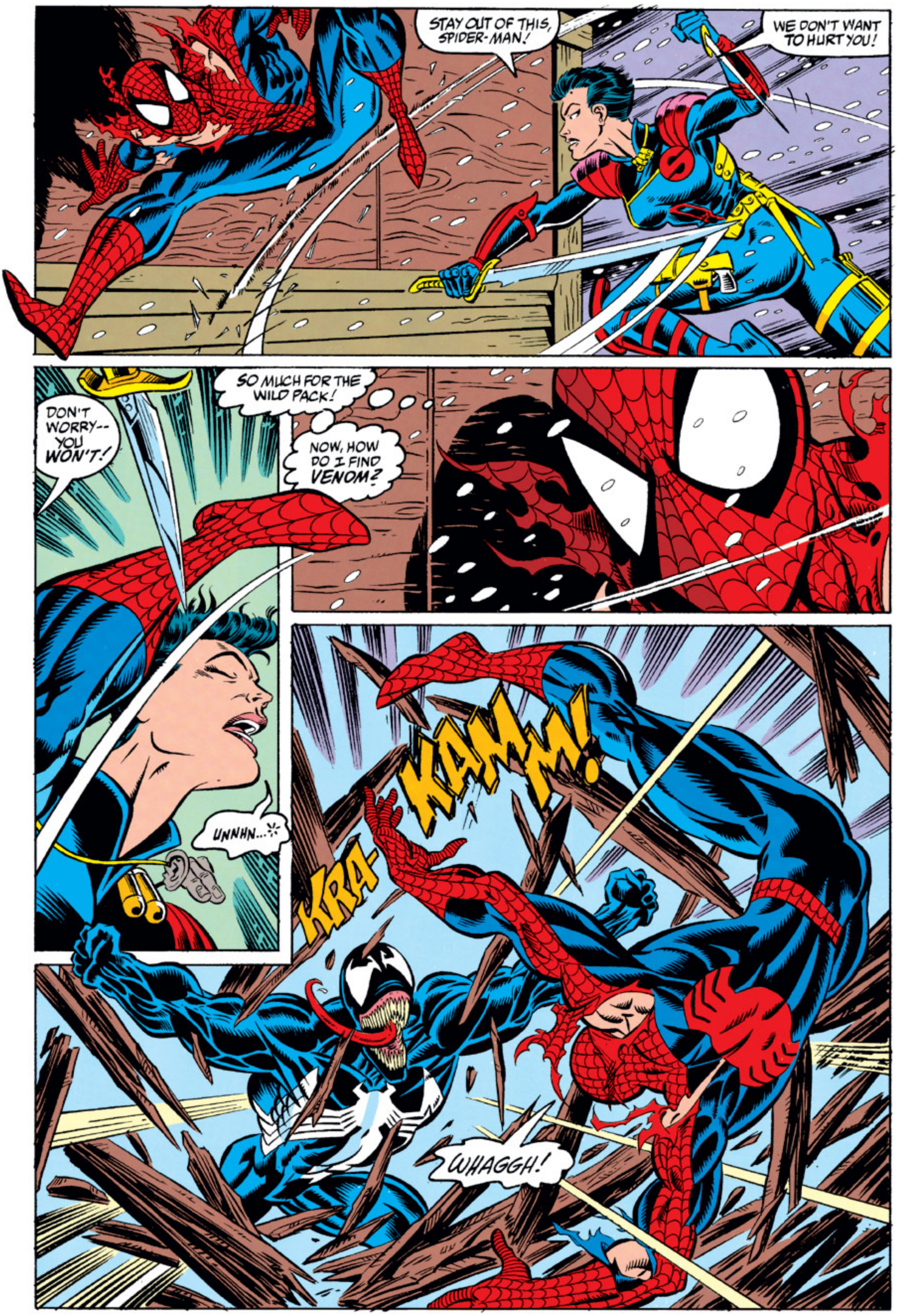

DROP HIM, OR I'LL SPLATTER YOU OVER HALF THIS PARK!
I SAID LET HIM GO!

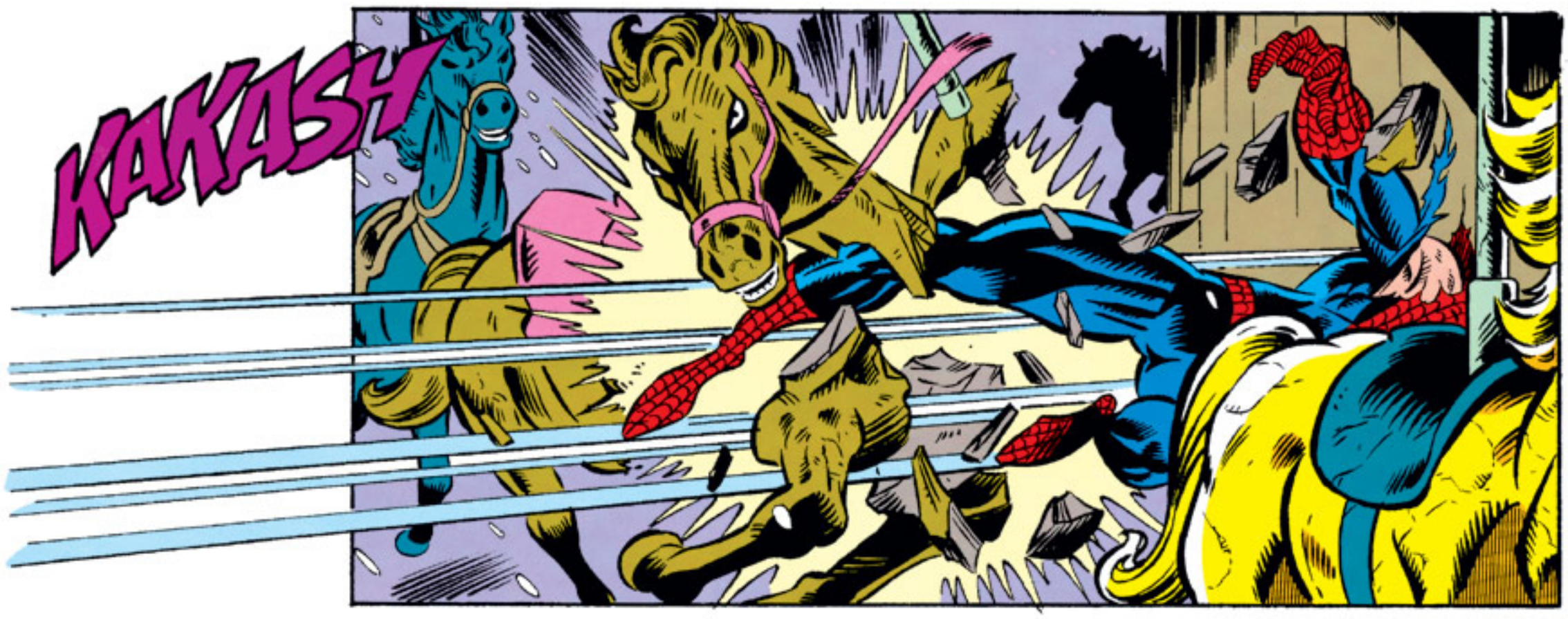
OHHHH...


...OKAY!
HRNF
WHNGG

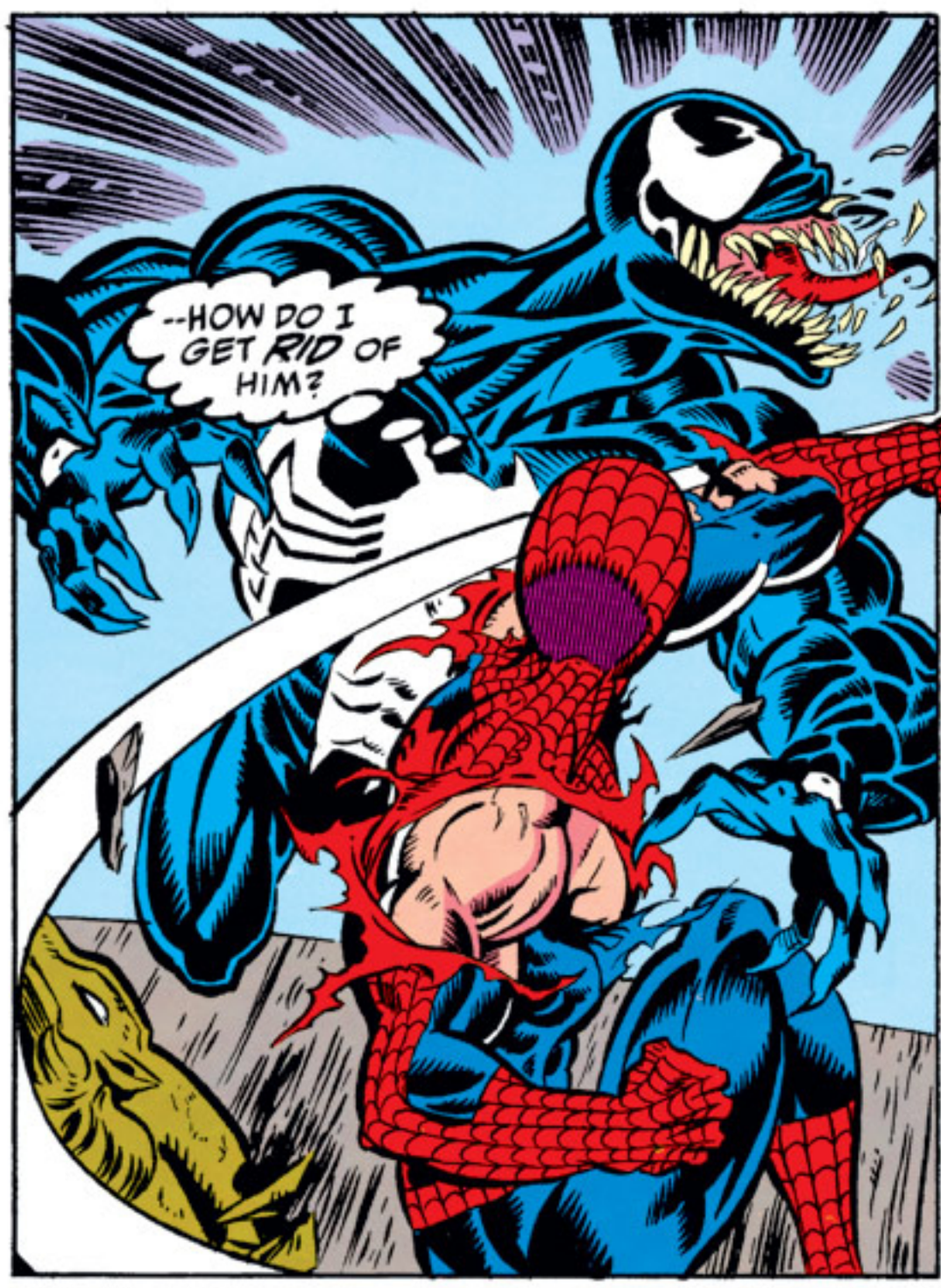
CAREFUL WHAT YOU WISH FOR--eh?
H-HELP! PLEASE!
OH, NO! NO!

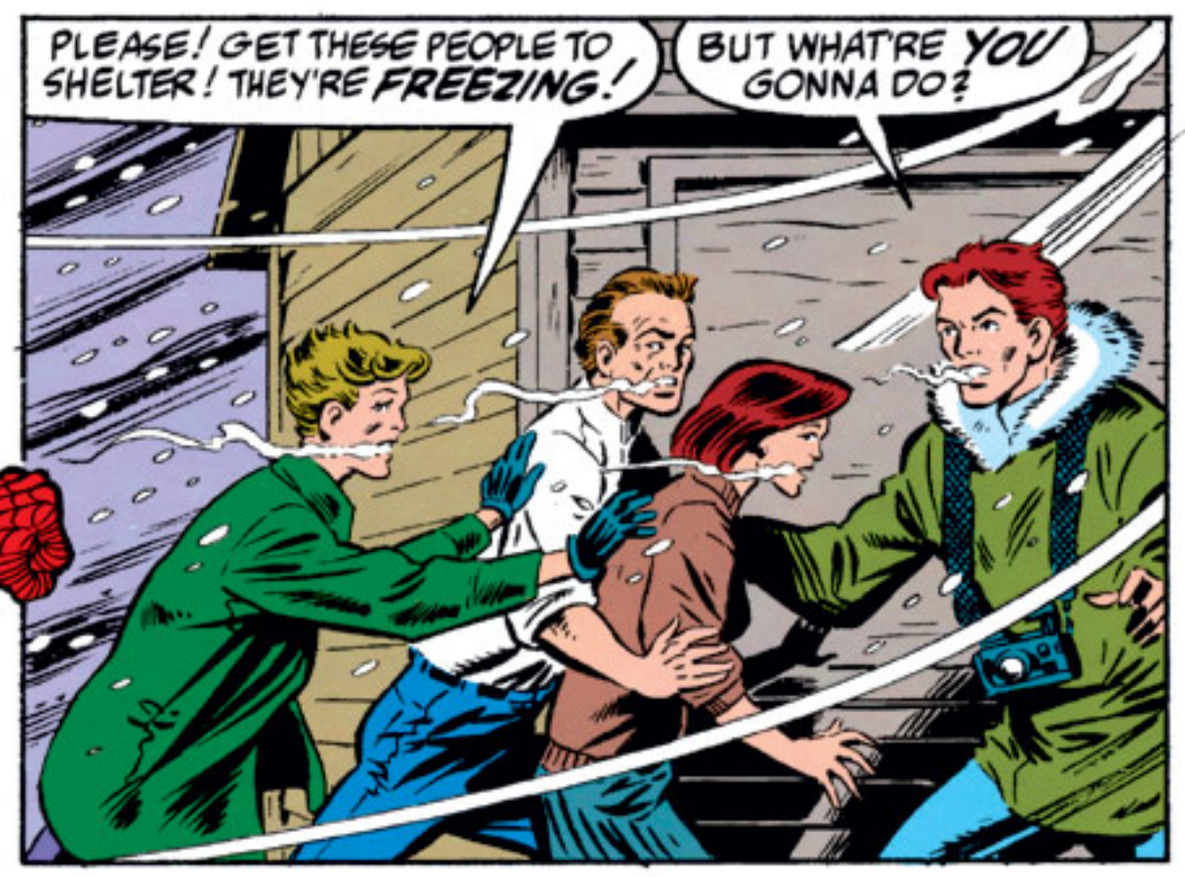

THE PARKERS --LOOSE?
A-AND SURROUNDED BY FIRE, ONE OF THE FEW THINGS THAT CAN HURT US!
PERHAPS... EVEN KILL US!
WE CAN'T... W-WE JUST CAN'T--!
WE MUST!
SO HOT! L-LIKE THE TONGUES OF A DEMON!
TO US, DEAR PEOPLE! QUICKLY!
HOLD TIGHT!
WE PROMISED NOTHING WOULD HARM YOU!
TAKE CARE OF THEM, ANNIE! WE'LL BE BACK SOON!
BUT RIGHT NOW, THERE'S SOMETHING WE HAVE TO... DEVOUR!


STAY OUT OF THIS, SPIDER-MAN!
WE DON'T WANT TO HURT YOU!
DON'T WORRY-- YOU WON'T!
SO MUCH FOR THE WILD PACK!
NOW, HOW DO I FIND VENOM?
UNNHN...
KRA-KAMM!
WHAGGH!

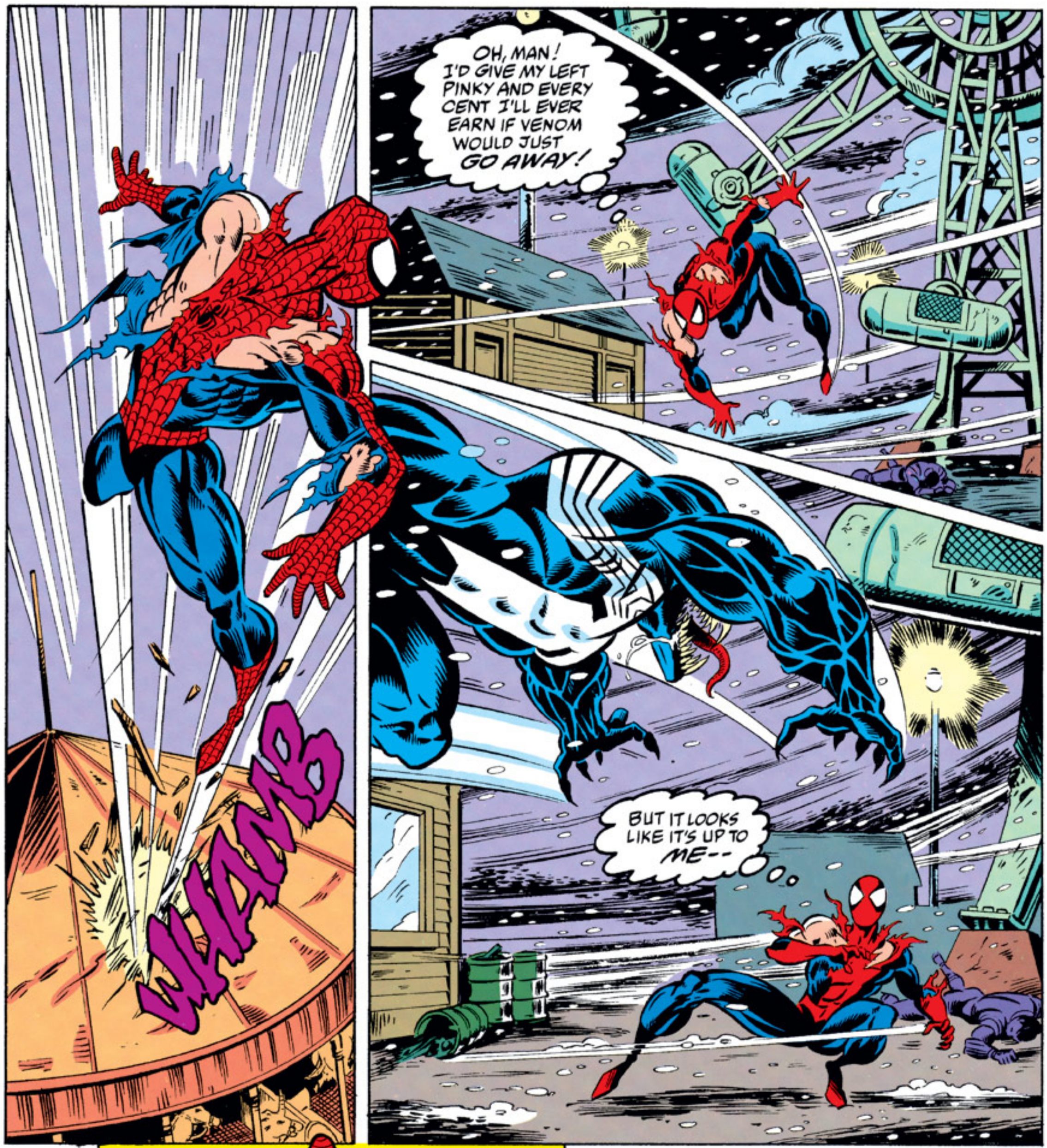

KAKASH

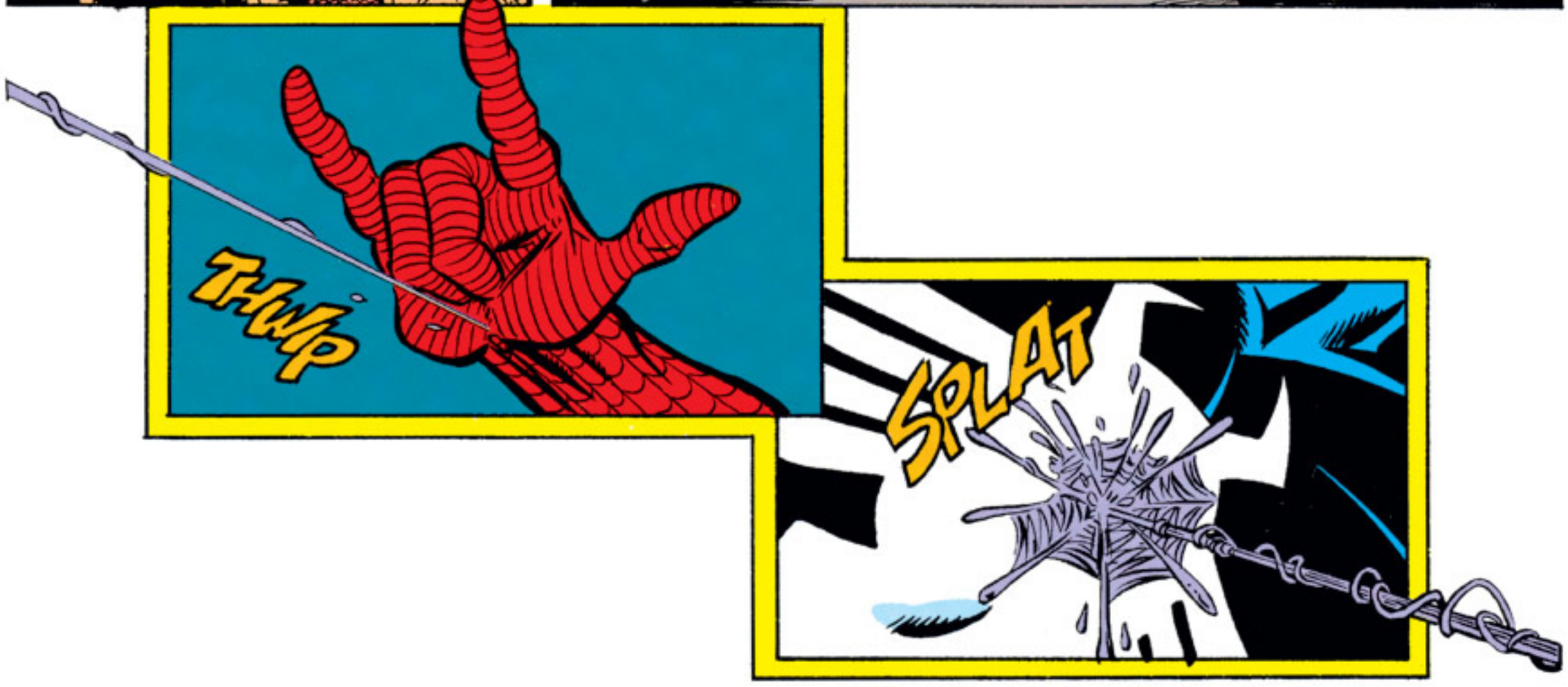
OOOOOOOKAY! NOW--

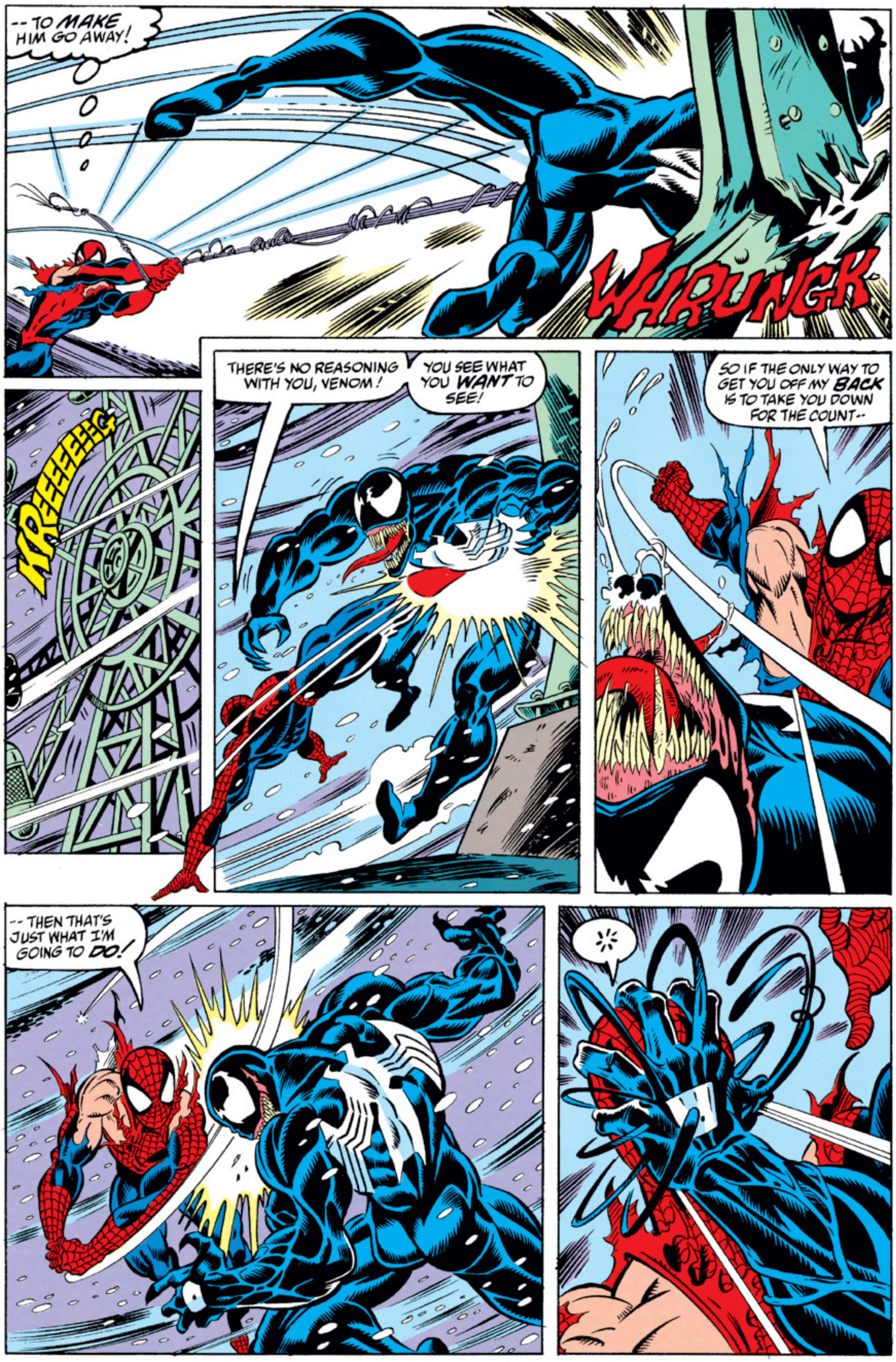

--HOW DO I GET RID OF HIM?

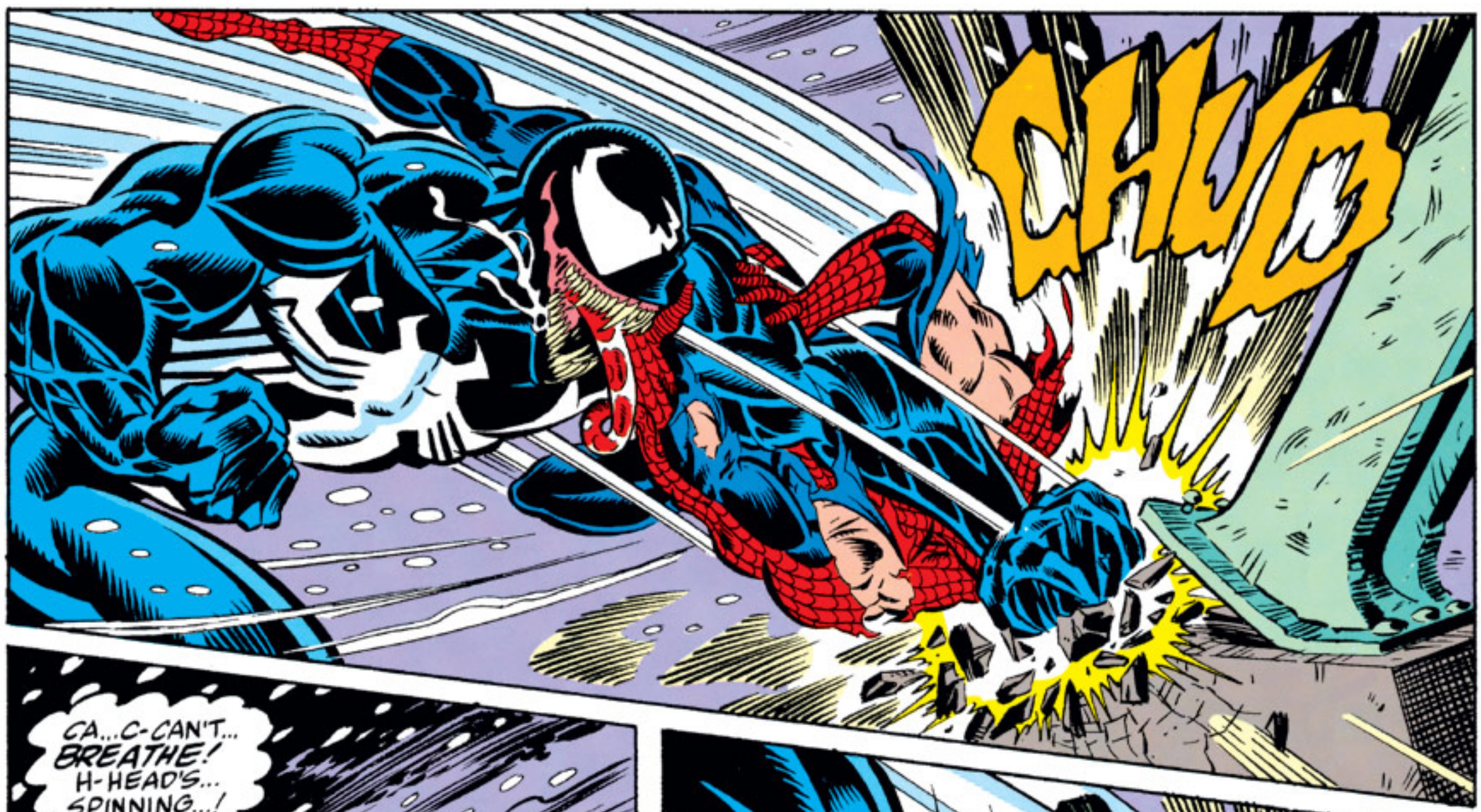

PLEASE! GET THESE PEOPLE TO SHELTER! THEY'RE FREEZING!
BUT WHAT'RE YOU GONNA DO?

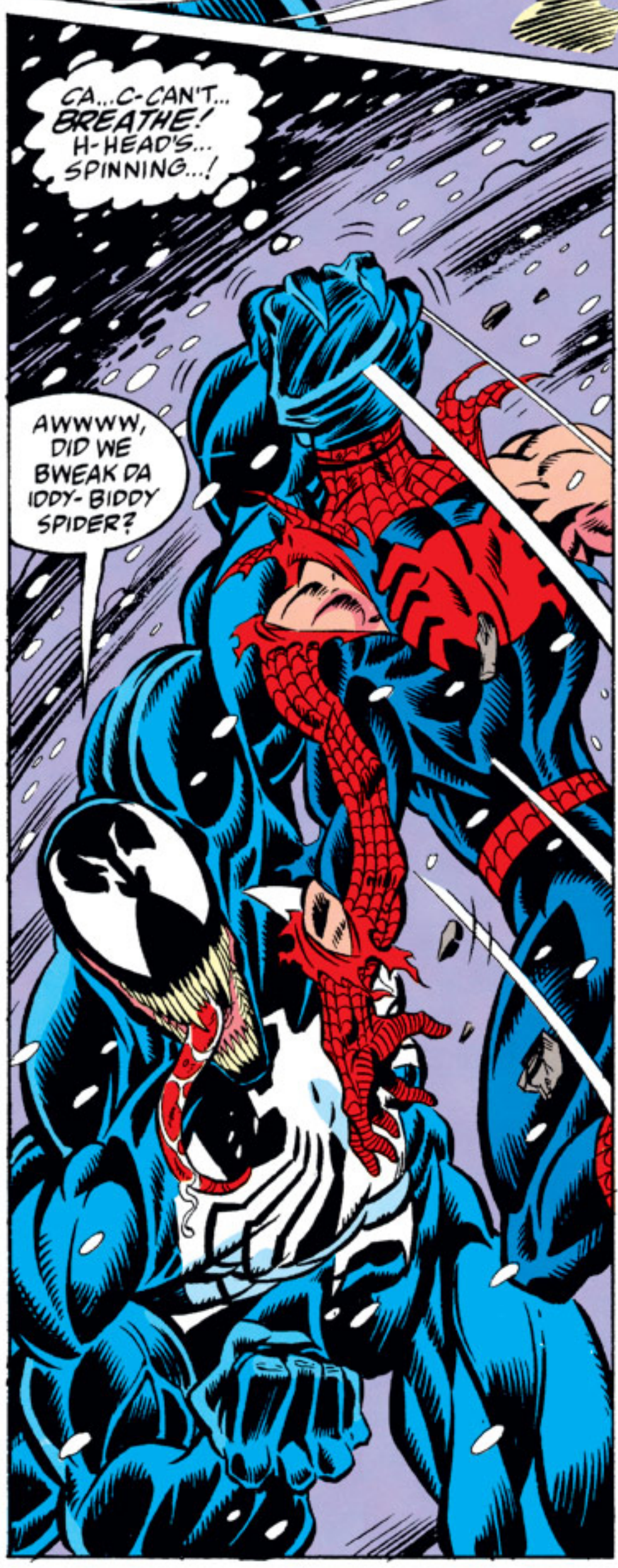
I... I DON'T KNOW.


OH, MAN! I'D GIVE MY LEFT PINKY AND EVERY CENT I'LL EVER EARN IF VENOM WOULD JUST GO AWAY!
SHAME
BUT IT LOOKS LIKE IT'S UP TO ME--

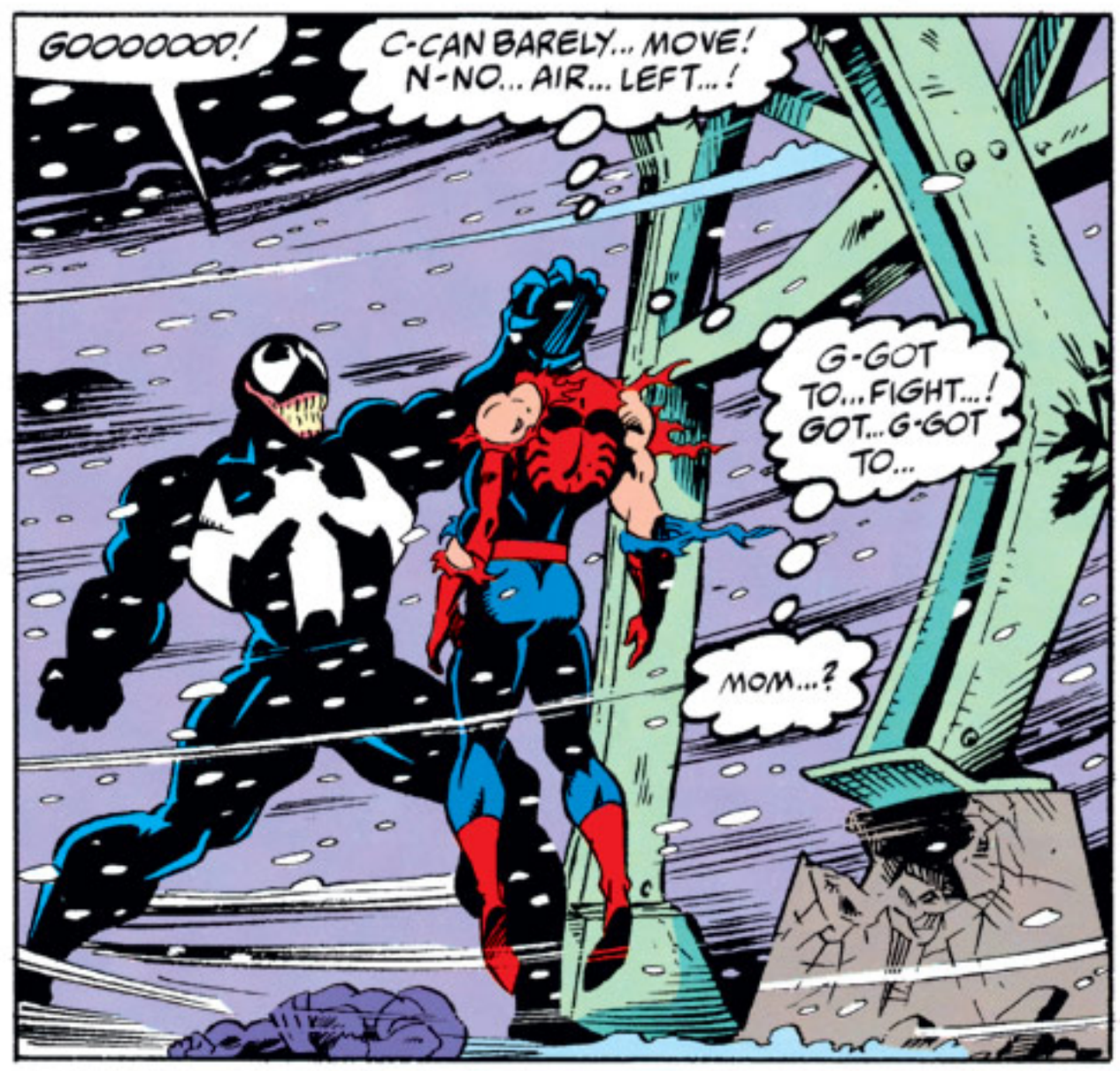

THWIP
SPLAT

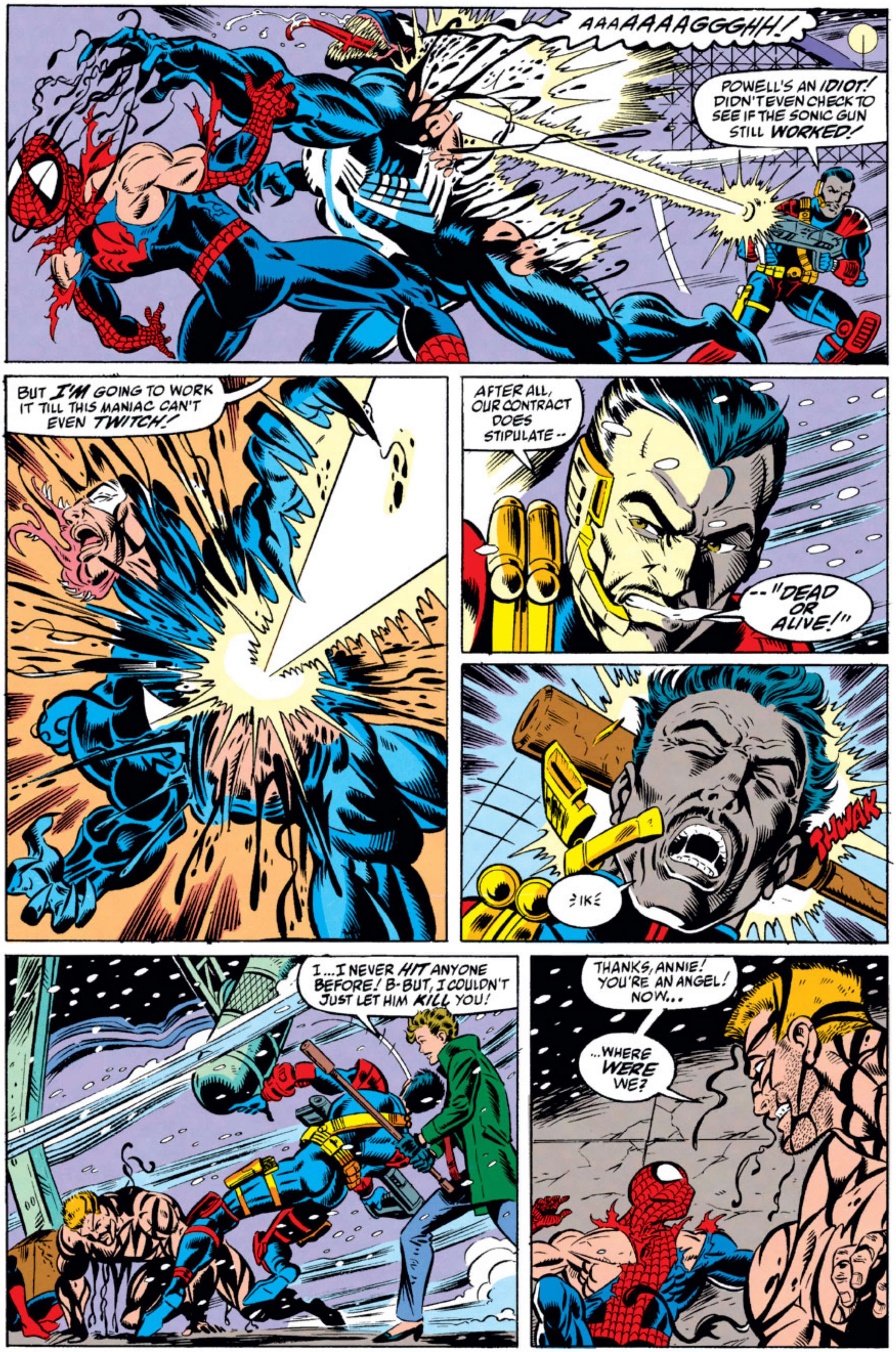

--TO MAKE HIM GO AWAY!
WHRUNGK
KREEEEEEG
THERE'S NO REASONING WITH YOU, VENOM!
YOU SEE WHAT YOU WANT TO SEE!
SO IF THE ONLY WAY TO GET YOU OFF MY BACK IS TO TAKE YOU DOWN FOR THE COUNT--
--THEN THAT'S JUST WHAT I'M GOING TO DO!


CHUD


CA...C-CAN'T... BREATHE! H-HEAD'S... SPINNING...!
AWWWW, DID WE BWEAK DA IDDY-BIDDY SPIDER?

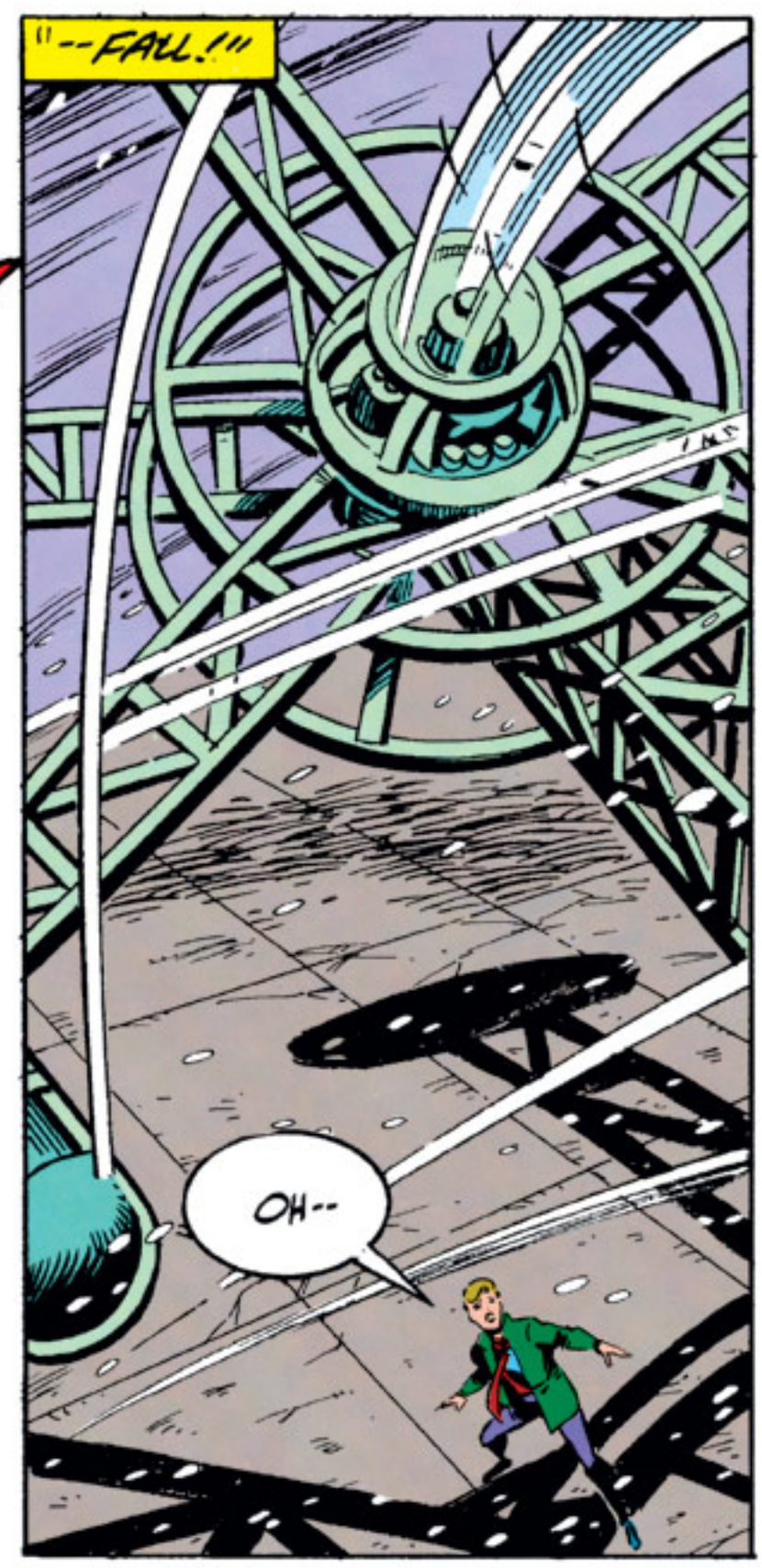
KRUNCH


GOOOOOOD!
C-CAN BARELY... MOVE! N-NO... AIR... LEFT...!
G-GOT TO... FIGHT...! GOT... G-GOT TO...
MOM...?

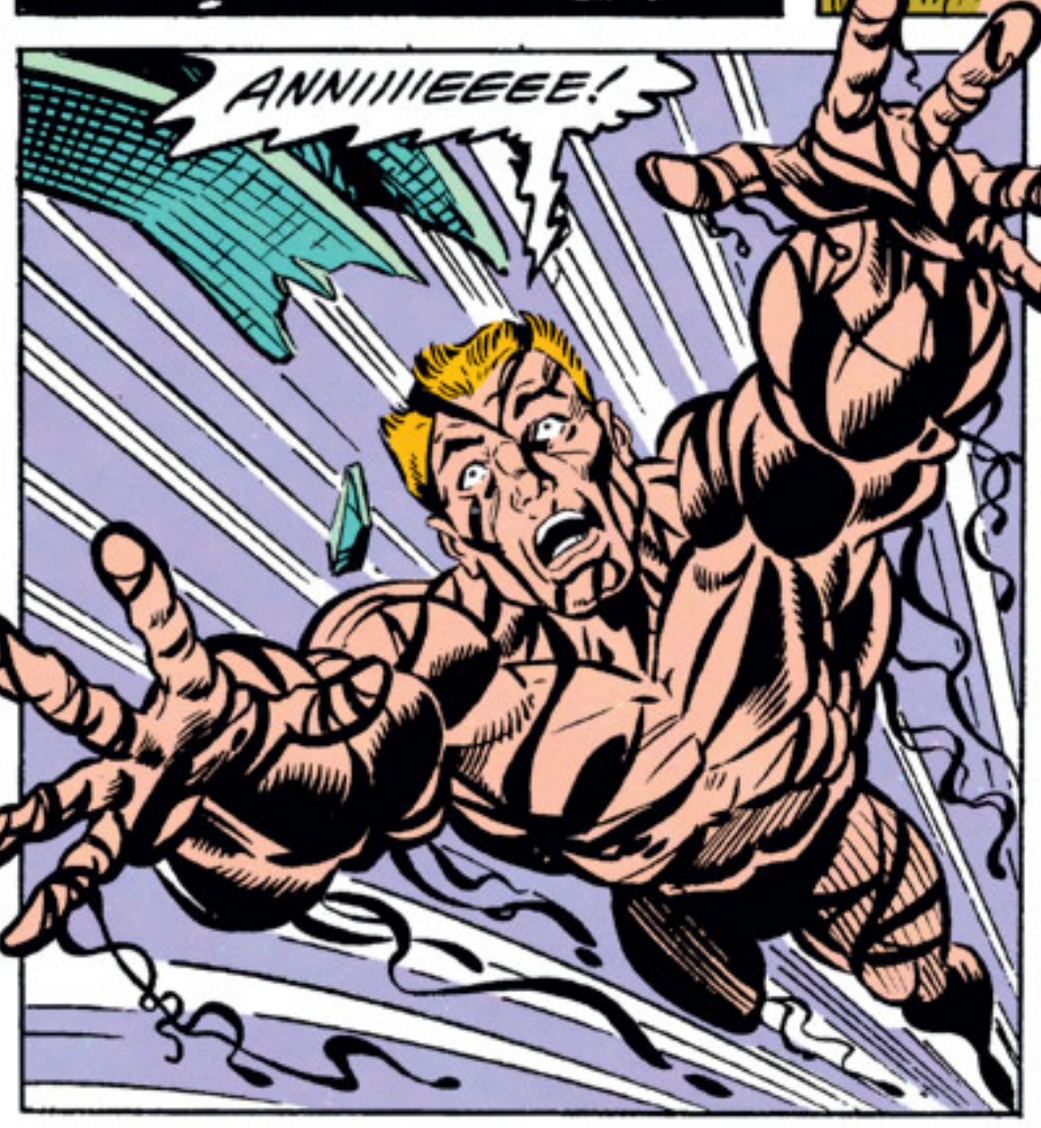

AAAAAAAGGGHH!
POWELL'S AN IDIOT! DIDN'T EVEN CHECK TO SEE IF THE SONIC GUN STILL WORKED!
BUT I'M GOING TO WORK IT TILL THIS MANIAC CAN'T EVEN TWITCH!
AFTER ALL, OUR CONTRACT DOES STIPULATE --
--"DEAD OR ALIVE!"
THWAK
I...I NEVER HIT ANYONE BEFORE! B-BUT, I COULDN'T JUST LET HIM KILL YOU!
THANKS, ANNIE! YOU'RE AN ANGEL! NOW...
...WHERE WERE WE?

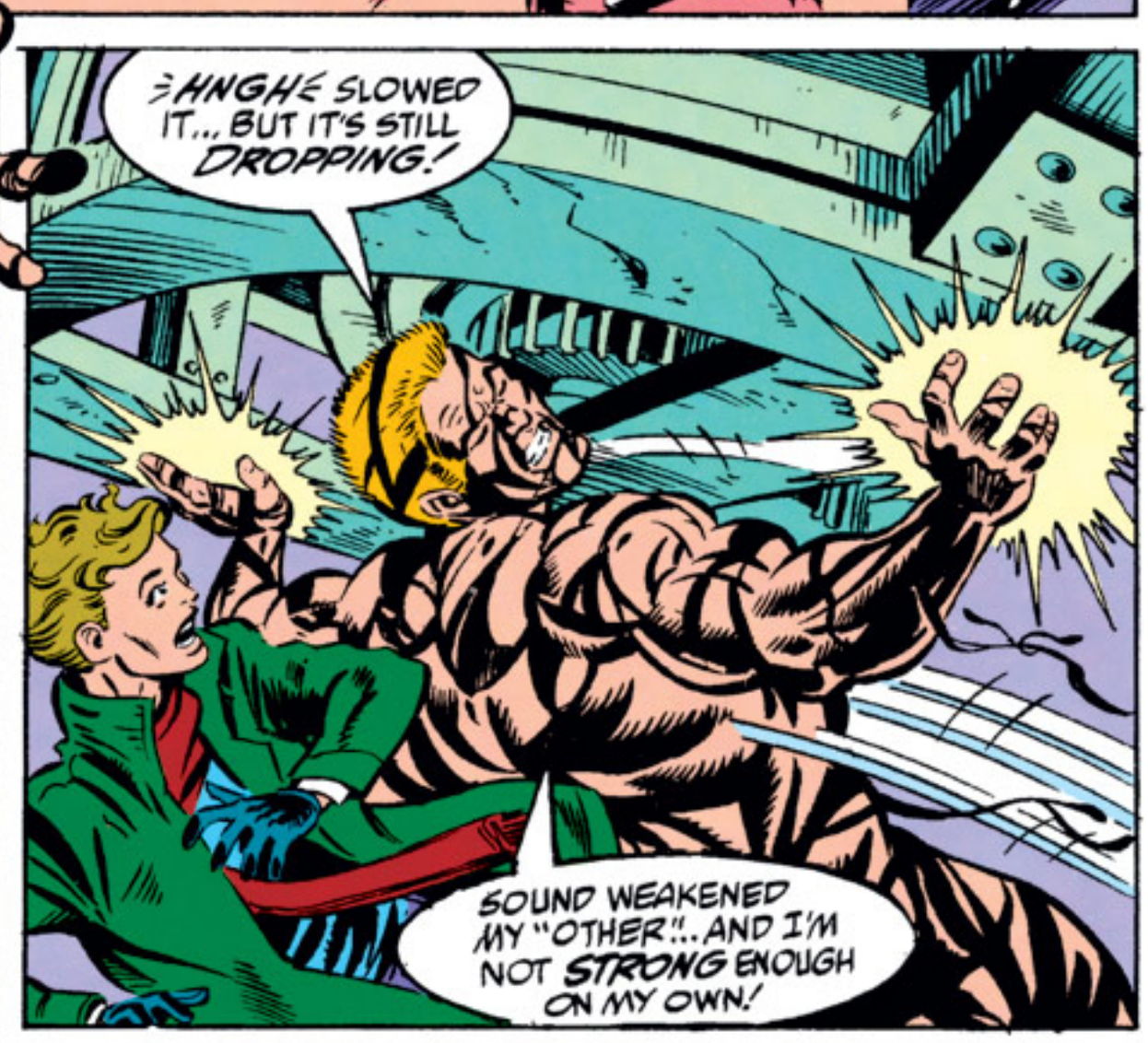
I DON'T BELIEVE IT! I-I DEFENDED YOU-- JUST SO YOU COULD KILL SOMEONE?!
I-I'VE GOT TO STOP IT! GET SOME HELP--!
KRRRRRR..

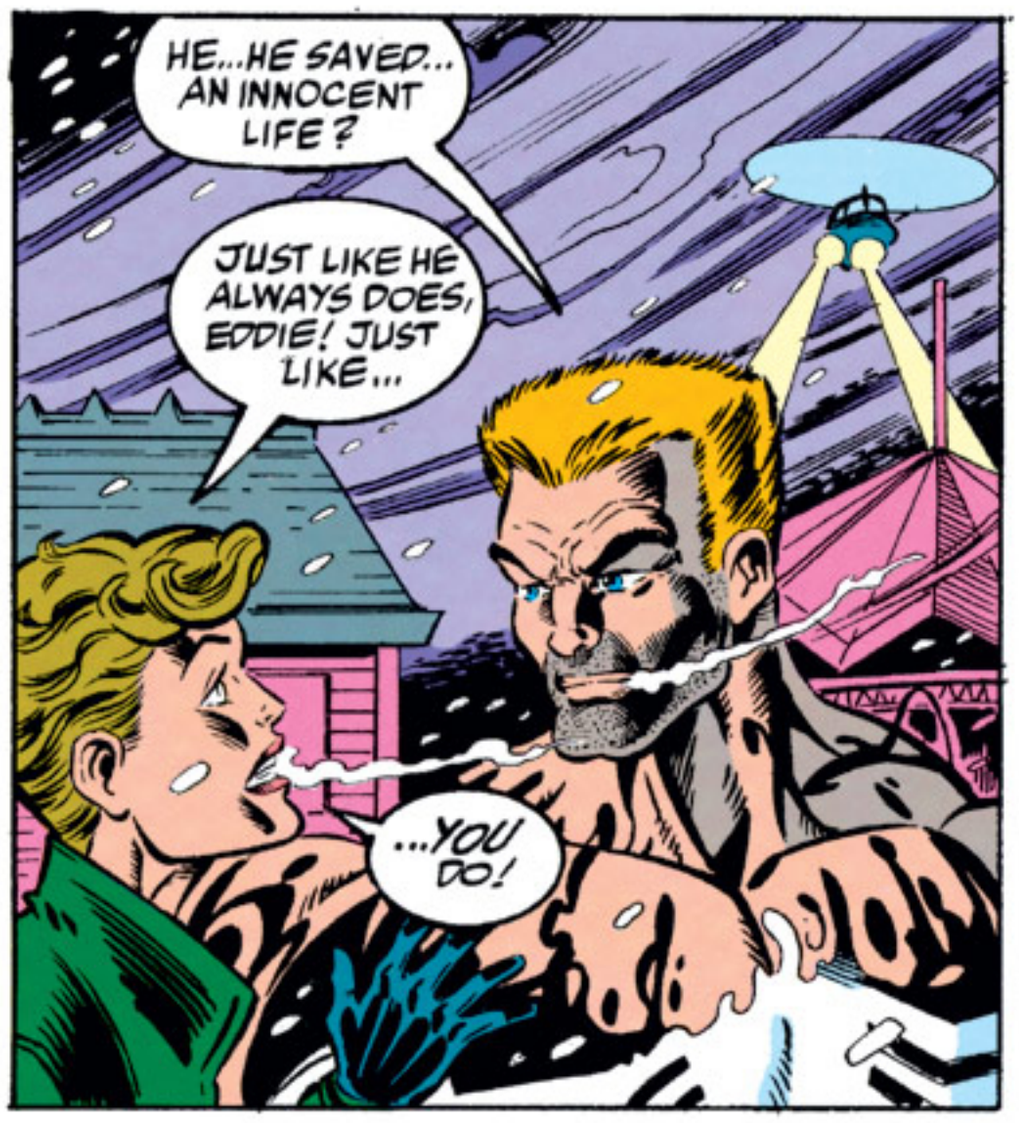
RRAK
FRAME SUPPORTS, DAMAGED IN THE FIGHT! THE RIDE'S GOING TO--


"--FALL!"
OH--

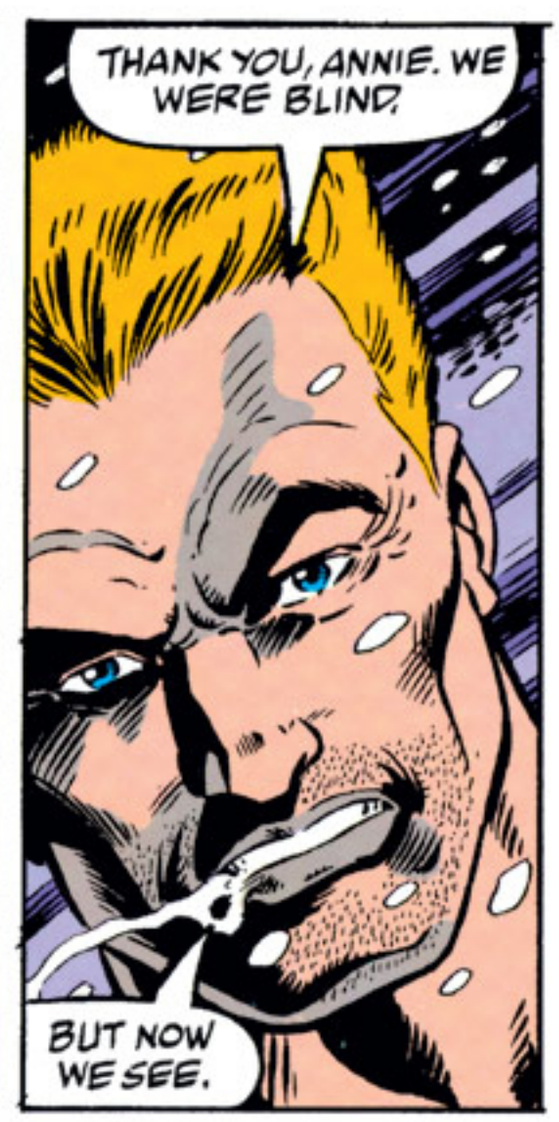
--NO!

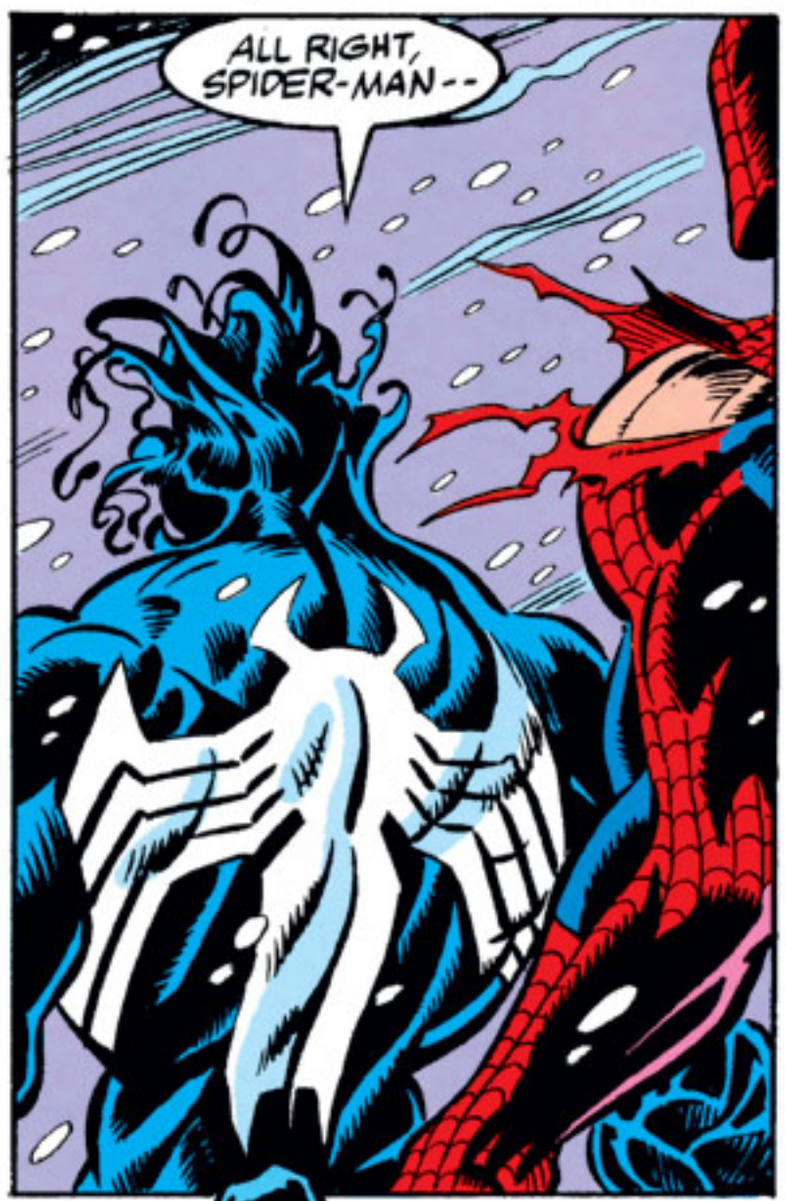

ANNIIIIEEEE!

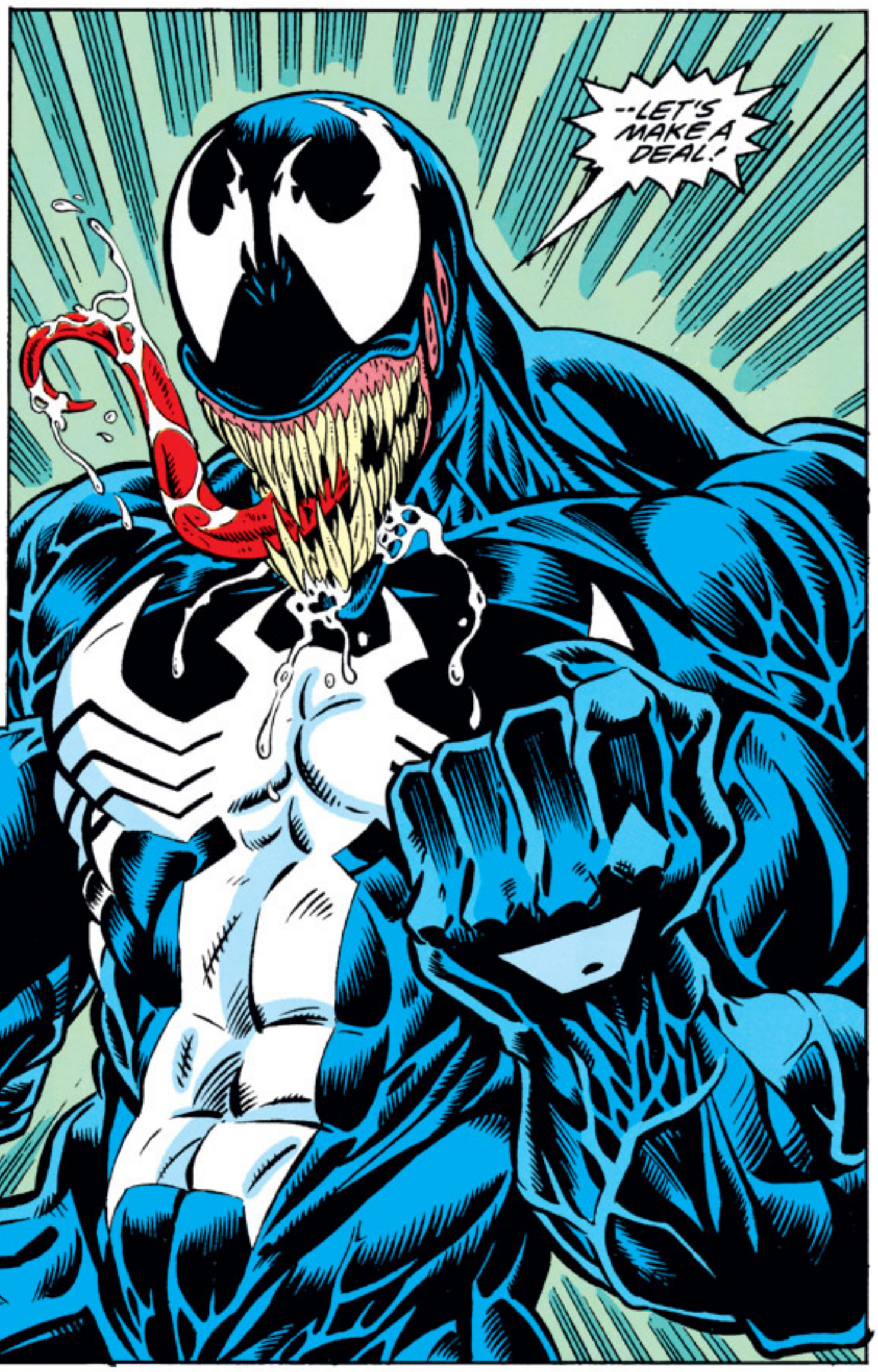

≥HNGH≤ SLOWED IT... BUT IT'S STILL DROPPING!
SOUND WEAKENED MY "OTHER"... AND I'M NOT STRONG ENOUGH ON MY OWN!


HE...HE SAVED... AN INNOCENT LIFE?
JUST LIKE HE ALWAYS DOES, EDDIE! JUST LIKE...
...YOU DO!

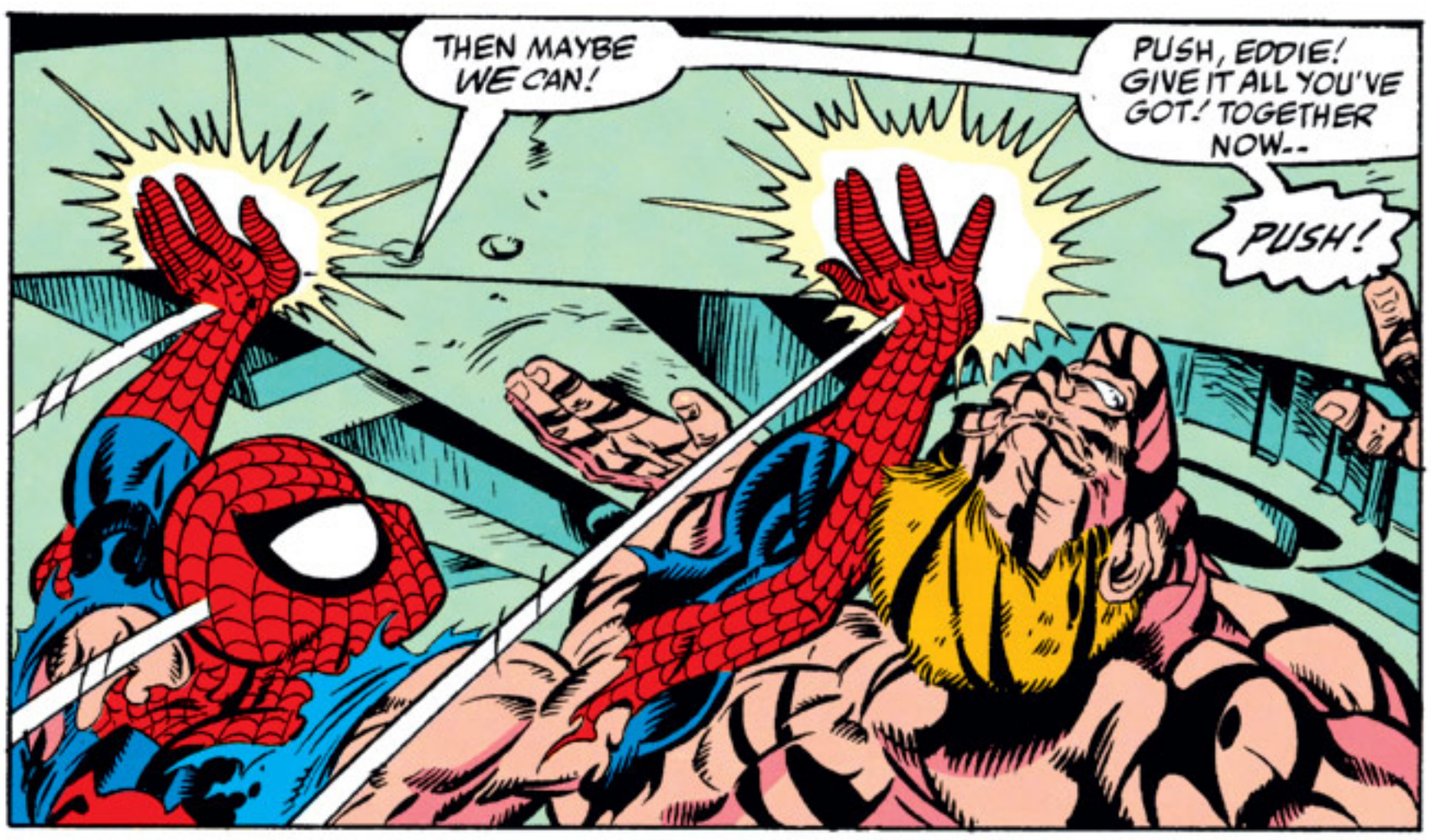
SO IF WE KILLED HIM NOW, ALL THE INNOCENTS HE MIGHT SAVE IN THE FUTURE--
--WOULD DIE!

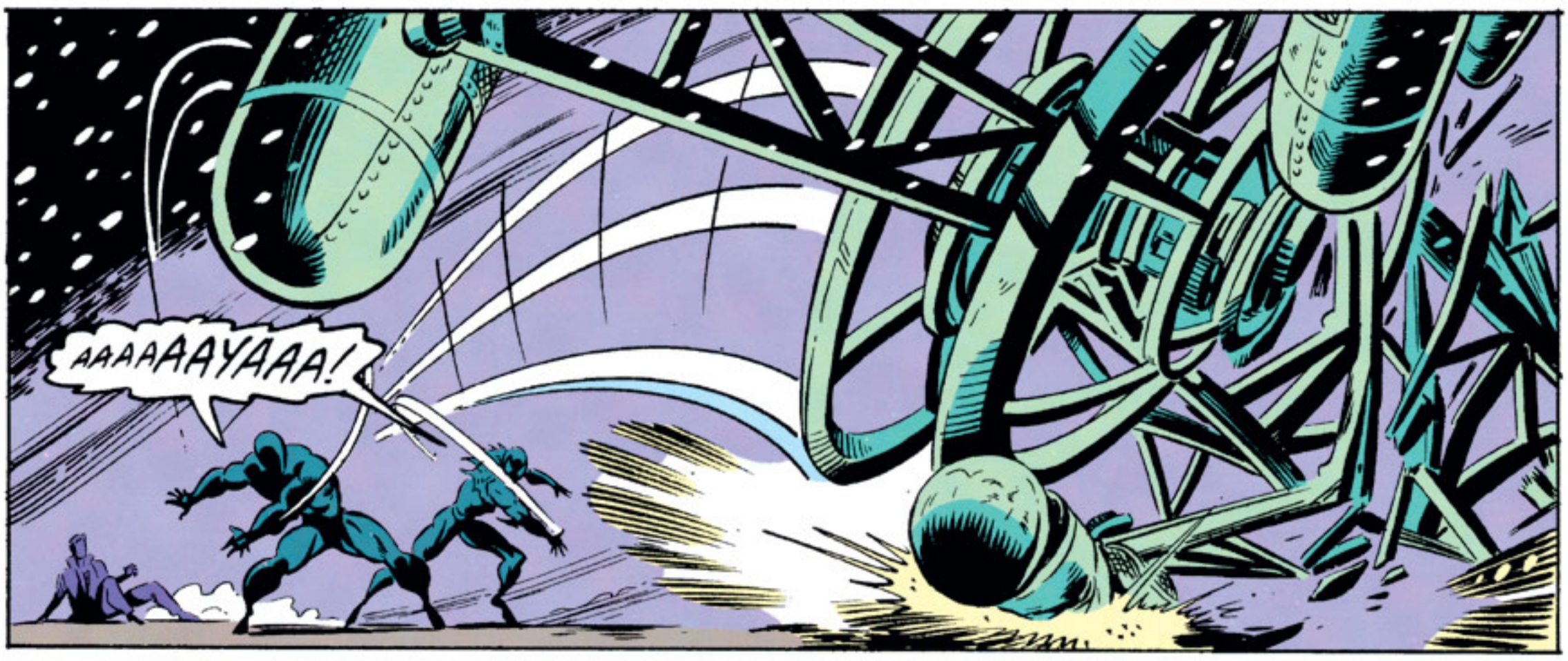

THANK YOU, ANNIE. WE WERE BLIND.
BUT NOW WE SEE.

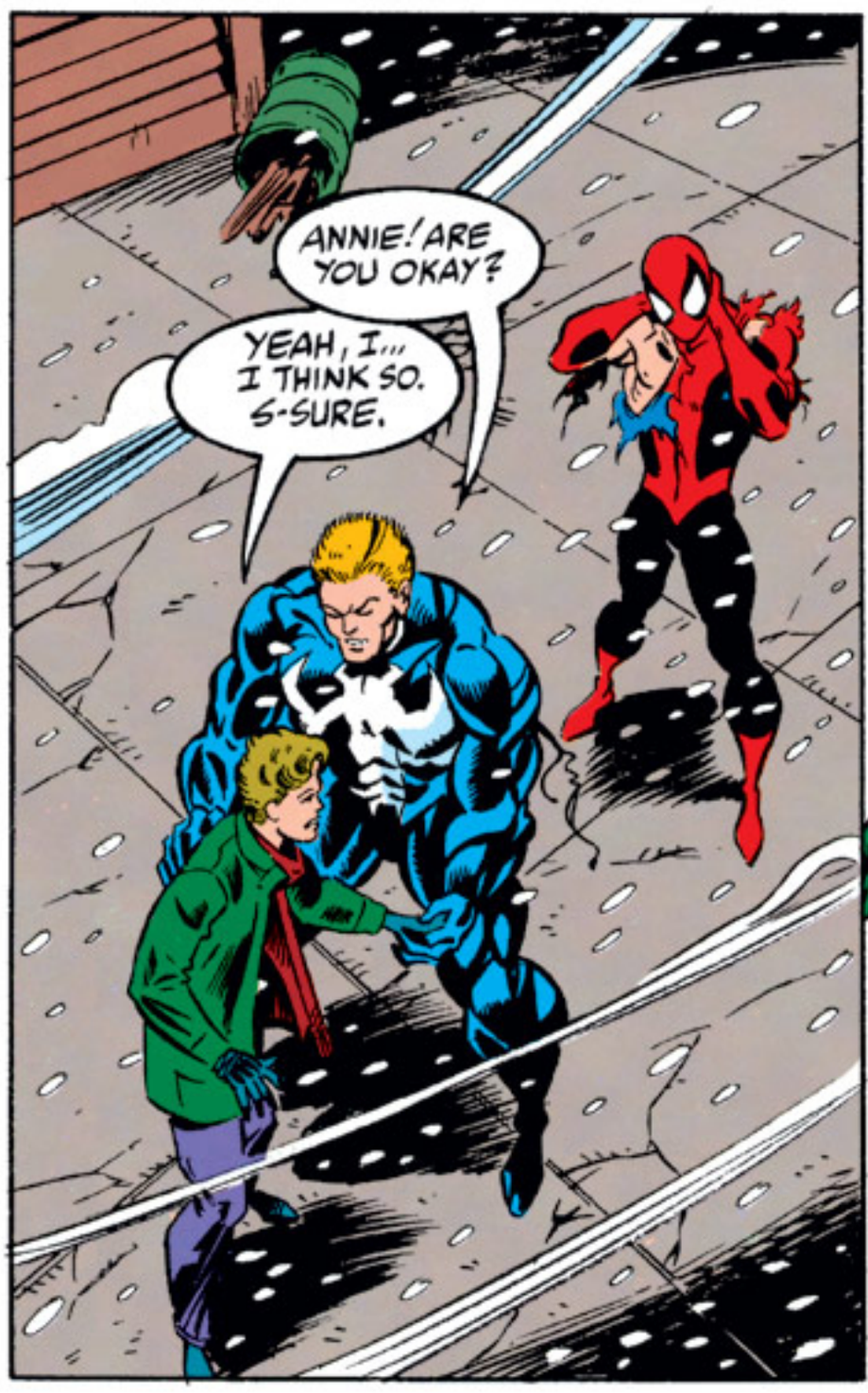

ALL RIGHT, SPIDER-MAN--

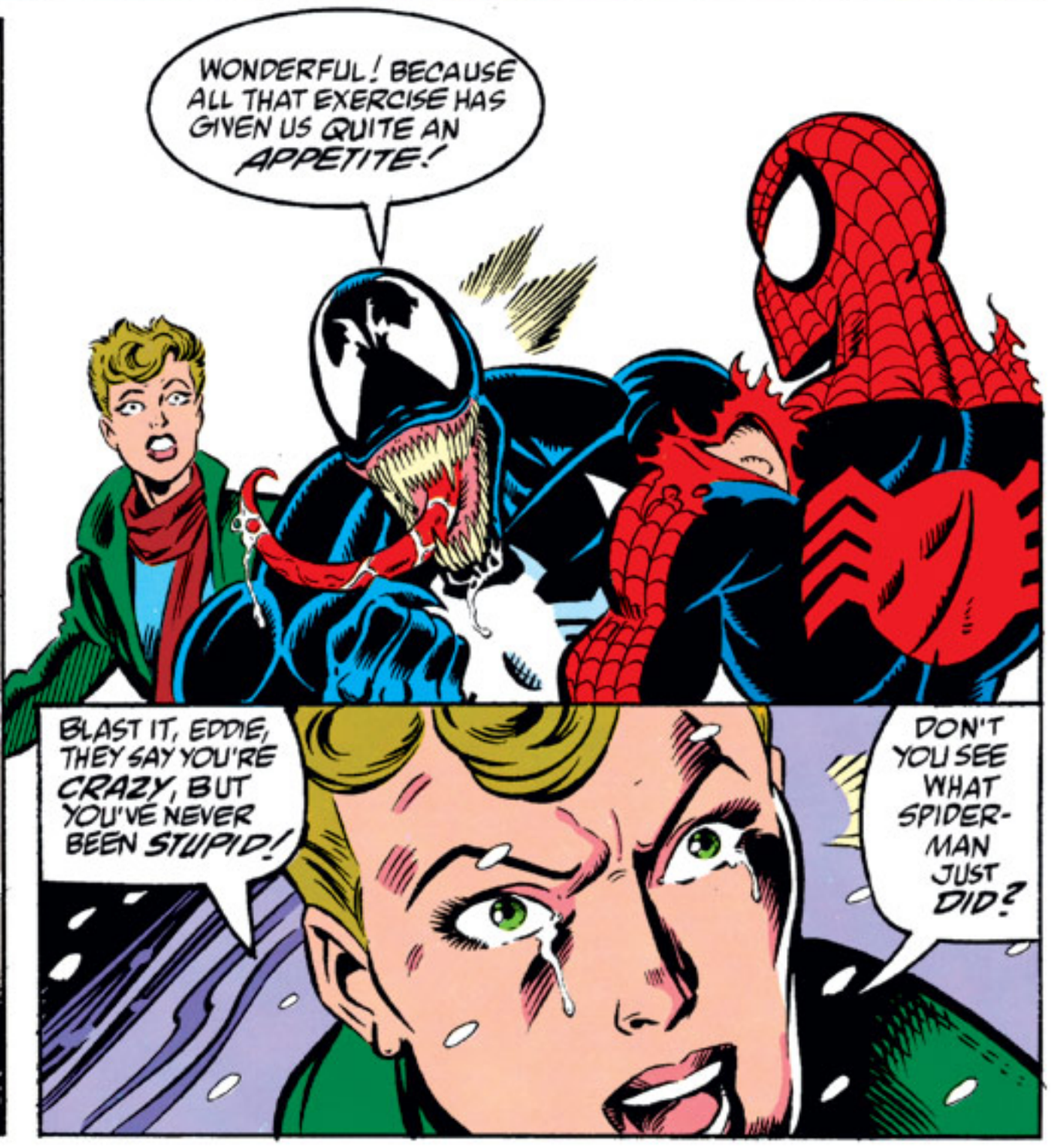

--LET'S MAKE A DEAL!

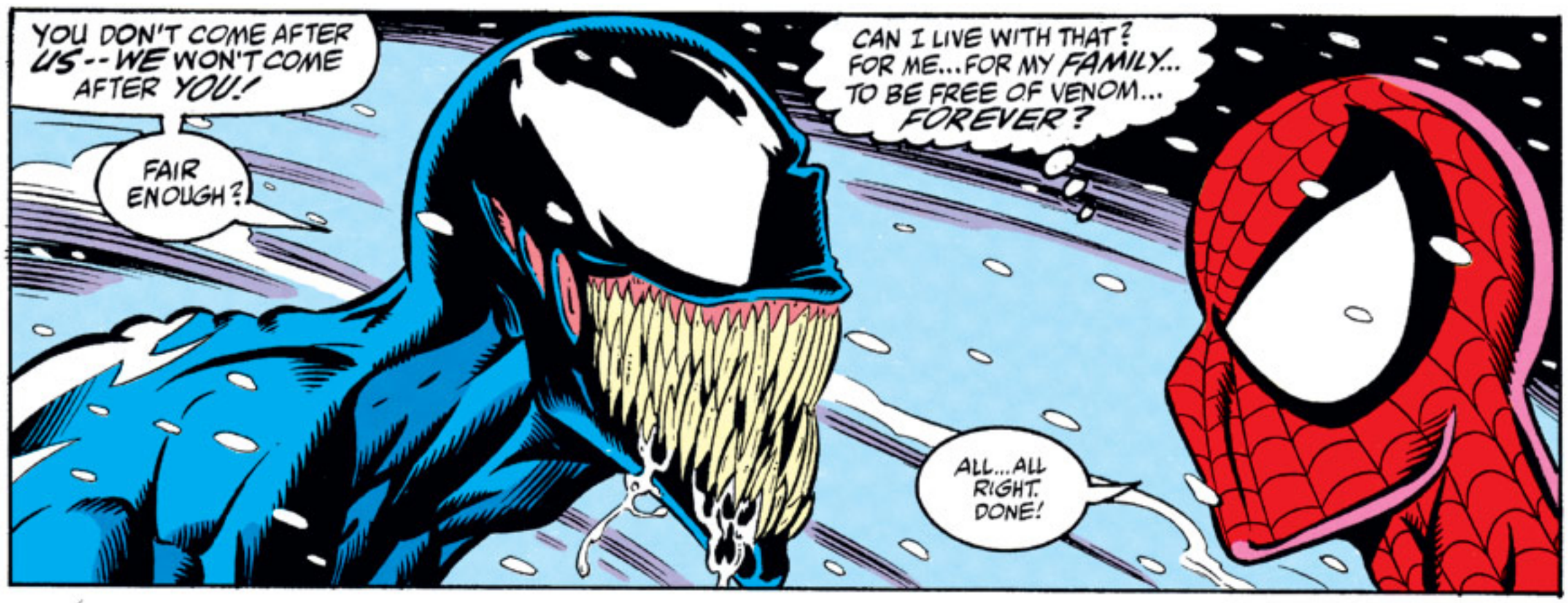
I...I-I CAN'T SAVE YOU...!


THEN MAYBE WE CAN!
PUSH, EDDIE! GIVE IT ALL YOU'VE GOT! TOGETHER NOW--
PUSH!


AAAAAAYAAA!

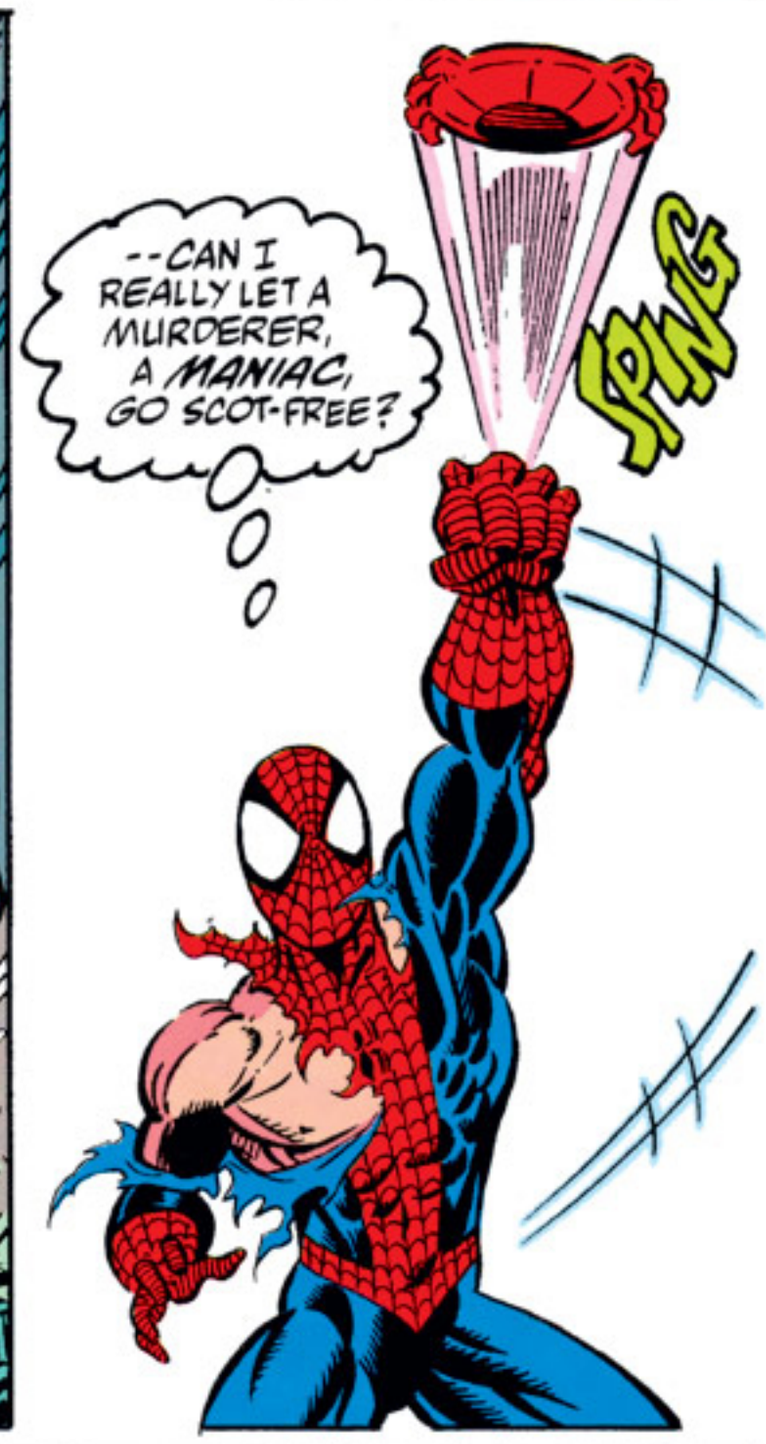

ANNIE! ARE YOU OKAY?
YEAH, I... I THINK SO. S-SURE.

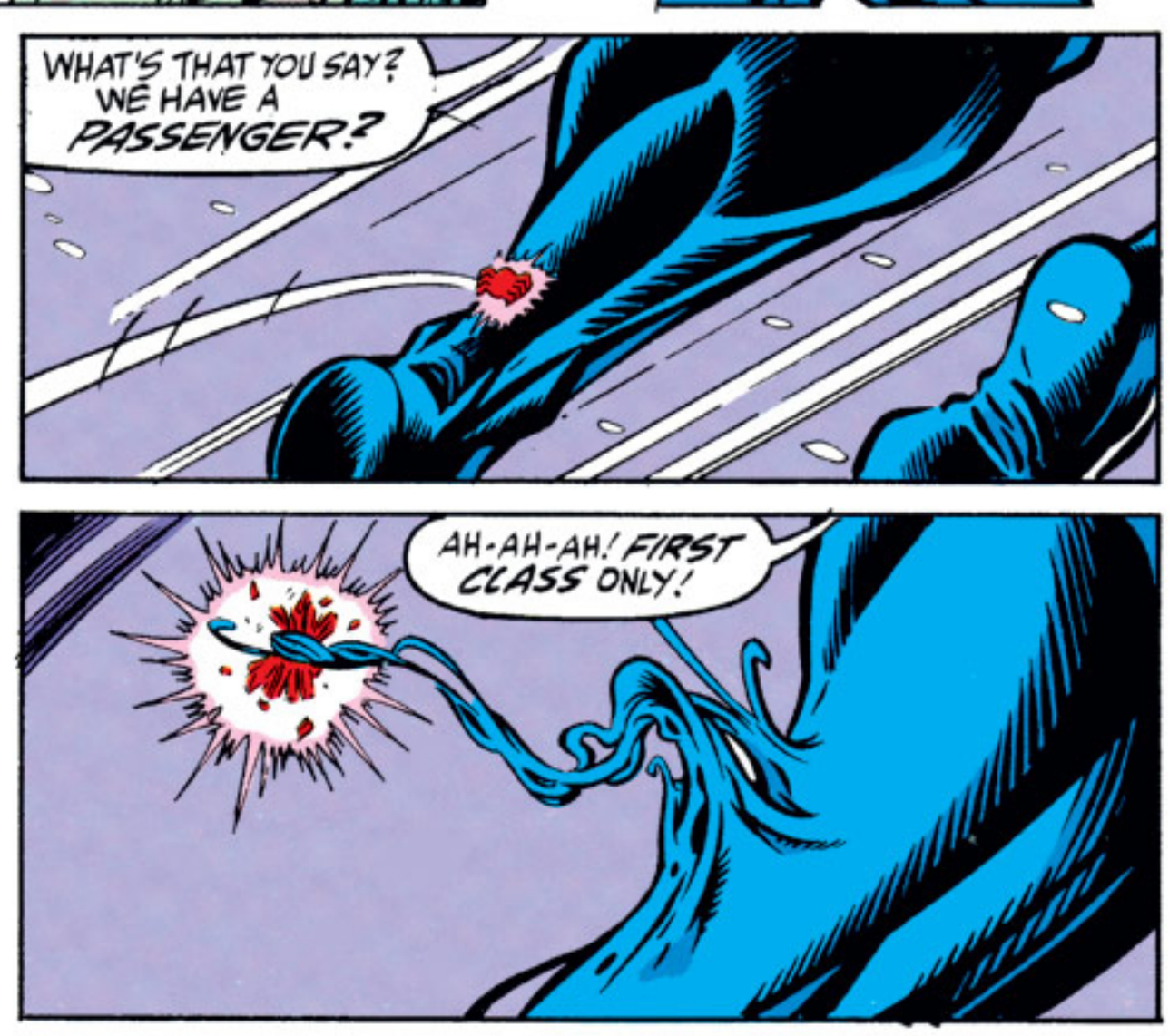

WONDERFUL! BECAUSE ALL THAT EXERCISE HAS GIVEN US QUITE AN APPETITE!
BLAST IT, EDDIE, THEY SAY YOU'RE CRAZY, BUT YOU'VE NEVER BEEN STUPID!
DON'T YOU SEE WHAT SPIDER-MAN JUST DID?

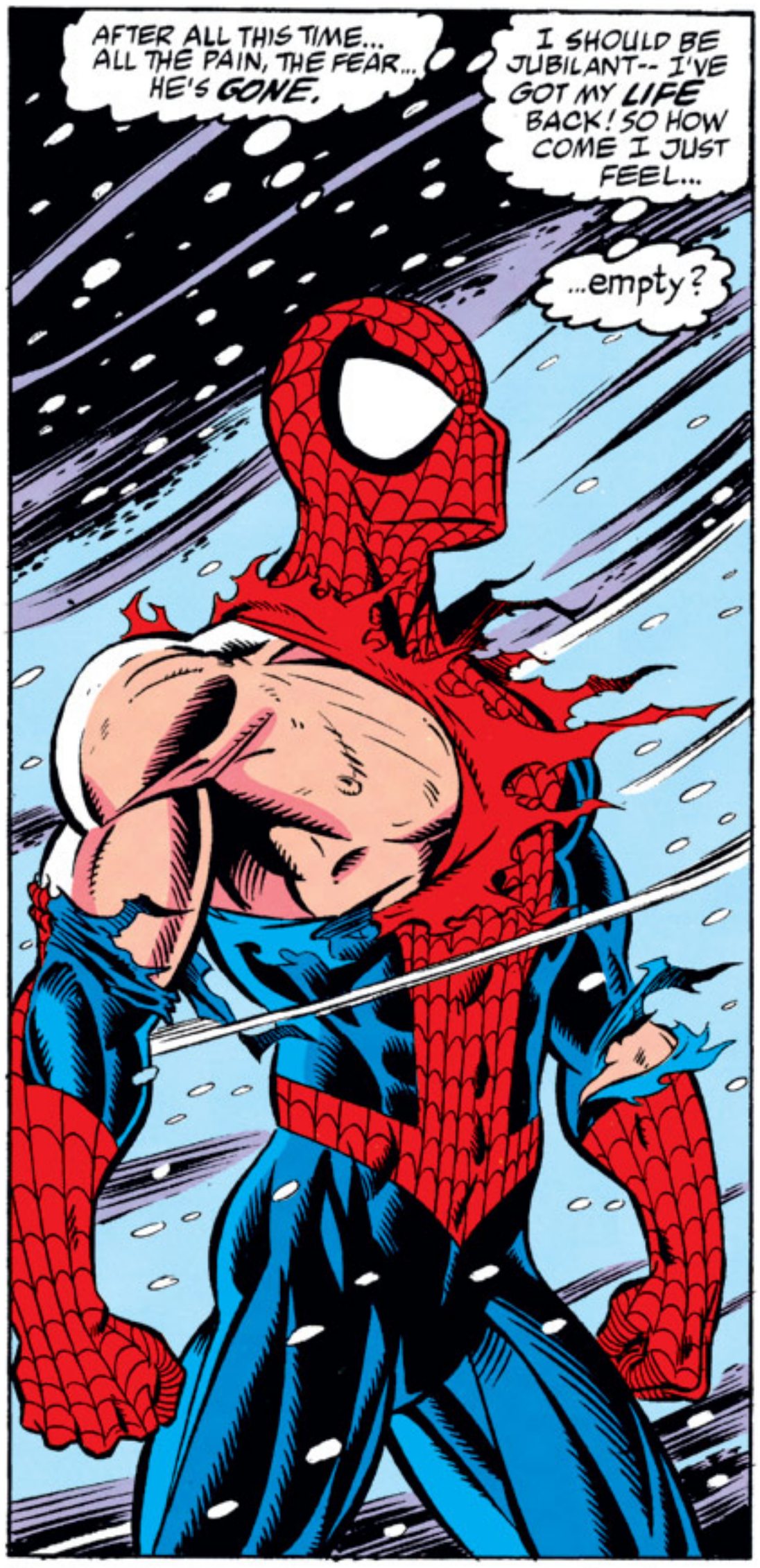

YOU DON'T COME AFTER US--WE WON'T COME AFTER YOU!
FAIR ENOUGH?
CAN I LIVE WITH THAT? FOR ME...FOR MY FAMILY... TO BE FREE OF VENOM... FOREVER?
ALL...ALL RIGHT. DONE!

AH, "PARTING IS SUCH SWEET SORROW"! SO SWEET--
PLIP

--WE CAN ALMOST TASTE IT!
SHLUUUPP
I--I PROMISED! BUT--


--CAN I REALLY LET A MURDERER, A MANIAC, GO SCOT-FREE?
SPING


WHAT'S THAT YOU SAY? WE HAVE A PASSENGER?
AH-AH-AH! FIRST CLASS ONLY!



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